

Video transcript – GST

The GST allocation that WA gets is important because it affects how much the State Government has to spend on public infrastructure, roads, hospitals, public transport, schools for instance.

WA is set to receive a GST allocation of \$0.47 in the dollar this financial year, which is a lot better than the \$0.30 it was two years ago.

We expect possibly it to go as high as \$0.80 by the end of the decade but I wouldn't be holding my breath on that just yet.

With the GST allocation rising, it means that the State Government has more money to spend on public infrastructure projects.

In fact, when our share dropped to \$0.30 in the dollar two years ago, the Federal Government did deliver a modest top-up which took it to \$0.37 in the dollar and that enabled the fast tracking of the extension of the Mitchell Freeway to Hester Avenue which was recently completed and current top-ups are being assigned to significant improvements around the Kwinana Freeway, including some major improvements into Fiona Stanley Hospital for instance.

To improve WA's share of the GST allocation, there's a major review underway by the Productivity Commission at the moment.

They've had a look at it and they've identified some problems with the system.

But ultimately, it'll be up to the Federal Government and with the agreement of the states to change the system and that's the hard part, because other states will lose if we gain.