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News last week that **Toodyay Road** will be excluded from upgrades under the WA Safer Roads Program coincides with the rejection of the latest appeal against the works approval for the **Opal Vale Class II** putrescible landfill site. This will put another 60 trucks and trailers a day on Toodyay Road posing a risk to all road users. Transport Minister Rita Saffioti announced \$28.4 million funding for 24 regional road upgrades at rural crash hotspots but Toodyay Road has been overlooked. Last year I wrote to Minister Saffioti imploring her to prioritise the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road, given its appalling safety record. I have again written to her seeking an undertaking that further funds will be allocated. Given \$3.8 million funding had already been allocated to this project by the Liberal-National government in the previous term, I understood this project to be 'shovel ready'. My discussions with the Transport Minister and her office continue regarding **Duke Street footbridge**. When Parliament was last sitting, I presented more petitions calling for the footbridge to be reopened and maintained. The Minister has given an undertaking to re-examine this issue. While the Nationals WA welcome the Royal Commission into **aged care**, we are also seeking it investigate the critical shortage of age-appropriate housing and care providers in regional Western Australia. Gaps in aged care service include a lack of carer respite, a lack of dementia facilities, the uneven availability of support and care-in-the-home and widespread unmet demand for age-appropriate housing.

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