The Martin Government is moving to improve road safety on the busy section of Trower Road in front of the Rapid Creek markets.

Transport Minister, Delia Lawrie, together with the Member for Millner, Matthew Bonson, today unveiled a new variable speed limit sign that will be erected from 25 March 2007.

?The Rapid Creek Markets have become an important part of our great lifestyle and every Sunday thousands of vehicles pass through this section of Trower Road, posing significant road safety issues for the hundreds of pedestrians who come to enjoy the markets,? said Ms Lawrie.

?Just last year, we saw a tragic fatality and then a near miss when a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle but not injured.

?We are acting to prevent further tragedy and reducing the speed limit in front of the shopping centre to 50 km/h between 6am and 2pm on Sundays only. At all other times the limit will remain at 70km/h.?

The Government has spent $40,000 on large variable speed signs on both sides of Trower Road to advise motorists to reduce their speed as they approach the area.

Ms Lawrie said that the Martin Government is investing record amounts to improve our roads.

?Our roads budget is now over $130 million, $50 million more than under the CLP.

?This is now the highest amount per taxpayer in the country.

?In addition, the Martin Government has committed to increased road safety campaigns to improve our road culture and save lives on our roads.

?We will keep investing in our roads to make them safer for motorists and pedestrians. ?
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