



Gateway opens to relieve congestion

• Roads

The first section of the \$1 billion Gateway WA project at the Abernethy Road and Tonkin Highway interchange is now complete and open for traffic.

The \$15.4 million on-ramp was opened this month.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss said the ramp would provide a criti-

cal link for Perth's freight industry.

"This new ramp, expected to be used by 6000 vehicles a day delivers a direct, efficient access route from the Kewdale and Forrestfield industrial area to the national road network," he said.

"The ramp reduces travel time by about seven minutes and saves 3.7 kilometres over existing routes."

Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons said the project

would alleviate congestion by separating airport and freight traffic.

"The project will allow traffic travelling on Abernethy Road direct access to the southbound lanes on the Tonkin Highway," he said.

The Federal government committed more than \$686.4 million to the project, with the state government providing the remaining \$317.5 million.



Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons at the ramp on Abernethy Road near Tonkin Highway. Photograph — Matt Devlin.