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## **City of Melton residents left behind in the Federal Budget 2019**

The Federal Budget 2019 has failed to support the City of Melton and its critical infrastructure demands such as the desperately needed Western Highway Upgrade.

City of Melton Mayor, Cr Bob Turner, said it was discouraging to see the Government completely overlook a project of local, state and national significance.

“We recently presented our case for the Western Highway Upgrade to the Federal Government and I’m extremely disappointed that our concerns haven’t been heard,” Cr Turner said.

“The Western Highway Upgrade is urgently needed to improve safety, serve Melton’s rapidly growing population, and create jobs in the west.

“I’m concerned that Melton residents and all users of the Western Highway have been forgotten in this budget.

“The City of Melton needs the Federal Government to invest in vital infrastructure, education, employment opportunities and sports and recreation facilities now,” Cr Turner said.

“We need all levels of government to work together to better manage residential growth and ensure the City of Melton is an affordable and liveable place to call home.

“We are one of the nation’s fastest growing municipalities, and the fast growing outer suburbs need to be recognised with more federal funding to support growth and meet the needs of our residents.”

Residents are urged to sign the Upgrade Western Highway petition at [catchup.org.au/melton](http://catchup.org.au/melton)

“It’s imperative to show the Federal Government how important the Upgrade Western Highway project is,” Cr Turner said.

“This road is of national significance, and is the second busiest highway in Australia in terms of freight. It is unfathomable that the Federal Government doesn’t consider it a priority.”

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