



MEDIA RELEASE

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Federal Opposition pledges \$300 million for key interchange

Melton City Council has welcomed an announcement from the Federal Opposition that they will fund \$300 million to construct a new interchange at Calder Park Drive if elected.

This follows an announcement by the Federal and Victorian Governments in late March to also commit \$300 million to funding the new interchange, meaning the project will be delivered regardless of who wins the election.

This is welcome news for City of Melton residents who have been negotiating the dangerous freeway entry and exit for a number of years and were previously promised safety upgrades.

Calder Park Drive is a key access point for residents living in Hillside, Taylors Hill, Fraser Rise and Caroline Springs, areas which have seen significant growth over the past decade.

Congestion from people wanting to exit the freeway at Calder Park Drive during the evening peak can often see traffic banking back onto the freeway, making it extremely dangerous and increasing the chance of accidents.

Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi:

"This is a key access point to the freeway for many of our residents, and with the number of cars entering and exiting the freeway especially during peak times, it has just become so dangerous."

"This is something we have been advocating strongly for with Brimbank City Council and it's fantastic to see this vital project will be realised, providing safer access for our residents on and off the Calder Freeway."

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