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Dear Mr Mowatt

Thank you for your email of 8 August 2018, regarding the Calder Freeway and Calder Park Drive.

As previously advised, the 2017-18 Victorian State Budget secured funding to develop a business case to improve the capacity and safety of the Calder Freeway between the M80 and Diggers Rest, investigate building the Calder Park Drive Interchange (overpass), duplicating Calder Park Drive and a grade separation.

As you are aware, VicRoads has completed an investigation into the Calder Park Drive Interchange. While not yet funded, the need for the project is still recognised and will be further considered in future funding cycles.

I am advised that VicRoads has commenced its broader investigations into capacity and safety improvements along the Calder Freeway between the M80 and Diggers Rest, which will include consideration of all modes in this strategically important growth corridor.

VicRoads will continue to consult with the Calder Action Group, along with other key stakeholders such as the Brimbank City Council and the Calder Highway Improvement Committee, as part of its investigation into the Calder Freeway Corridor.

VicRoads has recently implemented a freeway management system as part of the CityLink-Tullamarine Freeway Widening Project, which includes the installation of ramp signals at seven inbound entry ramps on the Calder Freeway between Kings Road and the Tullamarine / Calder interchange. Ramp signals will improve freeway traffic flow by carefully managing the number of vehicles entering the freeway to make merging easier, remove stop-start conditions and reduce congestion around entry ramps.

Should you require further information, Mr Simon Lanza, VicRoads Acting Team Leader, Investment Strategy, Metropolitan North West Region (Tel: 9313 1149), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely


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