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Dear Mr Mowatt

CALDER ACTION GROUP INC - CALDER PARK DRIVE INTERCHANGE

I refer to your letter dated 5 January 2011, on behalf of the Calder Action Group, regarding funding for construction of the Calder Park Drive interchange on the Calder Freeway.

I am aware that the Calder Action Group has been working for some years to secure funding for interchanges on the Calder Freeway at Kings Road, Calder Park Drive and Sunshine Avenue, together with safety improvements.

As you know, State and Federal funding has been provided for construction of the Kings Road interchange, which is expected to be completed by mid-2012. At this stage, the Federal Government has not committed funding to the remaining proposals identified along the Calder Freeway.

VicRoads has commenced preparing the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) for the Palmers Road/Robinsons Road/Calder Park Drive corridor, which includes an interchange between the Calder Freeway and Calder Park Drive. The EES is expected to be completed by mid 2013. A submission for funding for construction of the Calder Park Drive interchange will be considered in the next Nation Building Program, which commences in 2014/15.

In addition, VicRoads has developed a proposal to address safety issues on the Calder Freeway which will provide opportunities for U-turning vehicles at the Organ Pipes intersection and includes a full merging / acceleration lane adjacent to the existing inbound lanes of the Calder Freeway.

Proposals for improvement projects must be considered and evaluated on a statewide basis. When determining projects, factors such as safety, amenity and environment are taken into consideration. Safety improvements to the Calder Freeway will be considered in this context.

If you require further information, Mr Vince Punaro of VicRoads' Metropolitan North West (Tel: 9313 1270), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Terry Mulder', written in a cursive style.

Hon Terry Mulder MP
Minister for Roads

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