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Dear Mr Sutherland

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2015, sent to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Richard Wynne MP, and your letter dated 10 May 2015, addressed to me, regarding funding for the Calder Park Drive Interchange on the Calder Freeway. As the matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities, your email sent to the Minister for Planning has been referred to me for response. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to improving Victoria's road network. The Government's *Project 10,000* guarantees \$1 billion for regional roads, and an additional \$1 billion for arterial road funding for the repair and upgrade of roads in outer suburban and interface communities. In the near future, the Government will establish Infrastructure Victoria, which will be responsible for providing independent and transparent advice on infrastructure projects and priorities.

The Government recognises that the Calder Freeway is a vital part of Melbourne's freeway network that connects regional Victoria, and the growing township of Sunbury to metropolitan Melbourne. In response to this growth, VicRoads is developing a proposal for the provision of an interchange at Calder Park Drive, including closure of all remaining direct access to the freeway. This proposal will be considered for funding in a future program.

As you are aware, the existing 80km/h speed limit along the Calder Freeway outbound between Green Gully Road and the Calder Park Raceway has been retained following completion of the Kings Road/Calder Freeway interchange, as there are a number of direct access points to the Calder Freeway and there have been safety concerns with such direct access to the freeway. However, following the completion of the Kings Road interchange in January 2012 and the removal of a number of median openings, VicRoads is now reviewing the speed limit on the Calder Freeway. VicRoads expects to complete this investigation by the end of July 2015.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this matter with me.

Should you require any further information, Mr Vince Punaro, VicRoads' Acting Regional Director – Metropolitan North West (Tel: 9313 1111), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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