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Dear Mr Mowatt

I refer to your letter dated 30 April 2008, addressed to the Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas MP, making representations on behalf of the Calder Action Group requesting support for improvements along the Calder Freeway. I am replying on behalf of the Minister.

As you have highlighted in your letter, a number of proposals along the Calder Freeway are being implemented or are proposed for funding. The Victorian Government is committed to safety and capacity improvements along the Calder Freeway. Work to provide additional lanes between the Western Ring Road and Melton Highway has now been completed, and funding has been approved for the installation of lighting at the Calder Park Drive intersection. Any proposals that will require further state funding, and will be considered and evaluated on a state-wide basis.

As you have noted, the new Commonwealth Government made a commitment during the 2007 federal election campaign to contribute \$30 million towards the Kings Road interchange on the Calder Highway, as part of the AusLink 2 program. At this stage, no federal commitment has been given to the remaining proposals identified along the Calder Highway.

The Victorian Government will continue to work with the Commonwealth Government to secure funding for projects identified within the State Government's submission for the five-year AusLink 2 program.

If you would like to obtain further information, Mr Andy Nellist, VicRoads' Team Leader Regional Strategies (Tel: 9313 1149) would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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