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**Should the 80kmh limit be lifted? Comment below**

AN 80kmh speed limit on part of the Calder Freeway might be lifted when VicRoads completes works along the freeway.

The road authority spent \$2.2million last year widening the freeway to improve traffic flow.

VicRoads' western projects director, John Moylan, said the state and federal governments had allocated funding to the freeway interchange with Kings Road and the duplication of Kings Road between the interchange and Melton Highway," Mr Moylan said. "Planning and pre-construction works are already under way, including community liaison, field surveys, ground condition investigations and an environmental scheme. Land required for the Kings Road overpass has been set aside in the planning scheme."

Calder Action Group president Russell Mowatt welcomed the works, saying the freeway desperately needed an emergency lane to bring safety to commuters.

"There are 35,000 vehicles using the freeway daily and that's only going to increase.

"As a community group, we have lobbied very well to achieve a significant outcome for the community, given that there's been 12 fatalities on that stretch of road between Sunshine Avenue and Holden Road between 1993 and the present."

The action group has successfully lobbied the State Government and VicRoads for the installation of 22 lights at the intersection of Calder Park Drive and Calder Freeway.



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I do not think the limit should stay at 80 at all times my son often uses this road at very quiet times as he is on call out and this speed is too slow at certain times. Why can't the speed be controlled as the ring road is with changeable automated signs or slower limits 7-9am 5-7pm approx. I am a safe driver and do find it hard to stay on this limit when the freeway is not busy

Posted by **woofas**, 25/06/2009 6:50:20 PM

Dear Woofas This is one of the main issues affecting this stretch of the Calder Freeway. Unfortunately because you still have commuters making a right hand turn at Calder Park Drive and Sunshine Ave it will be hard to move Vic Roads from the current limit of 80km because of the safety element. We will raise this issue again with Vic Roads at the next meeting of the Calder Action Group in August for an official response. Thank you for raising this matter. Regards Russell S. Mowatt President Calder Action Group Inc

Posted by **Russell**, 30/06/2009 2:09:47 PM

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