

Sunbury Leader Article on Kings Road Overpass Funding 21 Apr 09

Group wants promise on

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THE Calder Action Group wants the State Government to commit to funding the Kings Rd overpass in next month's State Budget.

In a letter to Premier John Brumby, CAG president Russell Mowatt said the project needed to be a high priority in the May 5 budget.

Mr Mowatt said the Federal Government has committed \$30 million for work at the Kings Rd intersec-

tion through the AusLink 2 program, due to start in the next financial year.

The section of the freeway CAG is most concerned about is in Keilor from the Ring Rd through to Calder Park.

"The critical issue remains that the safety and economic constraints on the freeway, affecting the residents of all the areas serviced by the Calder, will remain

until the major interchanges and particularly the Kings Rd overpass are constructed," he said.

"State funding remains the only impediment.

"In light of all the apparent competition for infrastructure projects in this year's budget, and the need for stimulating the economy by early expenditure on projects ready to move immediately, it seems to us that this Calder project

highway overpass

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deserves a very high priority." CAG vice-president Ian Sutherland, who lives in Sunbury, said that without further interest in the project, the odds on it being funded in this year's state budget were slim at best.

Macedon state Labor MP Joanne Duncan said improving road safety on the Calder corridor was a priority for the State Government.

"After extensive lobbying by the

State Government I was pleased to see the Rudd Government commit funds towards the Kings Rd Calder Freeway interchange as part of its AusLink 2 program," she said.

"While AusLink 2 does not commence until 2009/10, the Victorian Government allocated \$150,000 in 2008/09 for planning works for the Kings Rd interchange on the Calder Freeway.

Planning was well advanced.