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Dear Mr Mowatt

CALDER FREEWAY

I refer to your letter dated 14 November 2011, addressed to the Hon Terry Mulder MP, Minister for Roads, advocating variable speed signs and U-turn modifications at Calder Park Drive and Organ Pipes Road on the Calder Freeway. I am replying on behalf of the Minister.

As you may be aware, in 2010 VicRoads investigated a variable speed limit on the Calder Freeway between Keilor Park Drive and the Melton Highway. This included increasing the speed limit outside of peak times. The investigation concluded that the 80 km/h speed limit is appropriate due to the high traffic volumes and lack of emergency stopping lanes. Accordingly, the 80 km/h speed limit will remain in place over this road section and operate at all times.

I understand that there is community concern regarding safety on the Calder Freeway at the intersections of Calder Park Drive and Organ Pipes Road, and that VicRoads has met with the Calder Action Group on a number of occasions to discuss the group's concerns. Subsequently, VicRoads has undertaken detailed investigations to determine the most appropriate treatment option for these sites. In the context of these investigations, improvement works at this location will be considered for future funding.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If you require further information, Mr Stan Januszkiewicz of VicRoads' Metropolitan North West (Tel: 9313 1270), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Edward O'Donohue MLC
Parliamentary Secretary for Transport

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