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Dear Mr Sutherland,

Thank you for your letter of 27th April, and for your continuing work in support of the Kings Road Overpass. I apologise for the delay in my response, however I am pleased to be finally able to reply to you with good news.

As you are no doubt already aware, the Federal Government announced a \$30 million commitment in the 2009/10 Federal Budget to improving traffic flow and safety at Kings Road on the Calder Freeway, matched by \$30 million from the State Government in its most recent budget.

The funding, commencing with an initial Federal allocation of \$5.5 million for this financial year, comes under the Nation Building Program, designed to provide for major infrastructure development across Australia.

The joint funding from Federal and State Governments will go towards creating a new interchange on the Calder Freeway at Kings Road, which will include an overpass and new ramps in both directions.

I am delighted that the Federal Government has committed to funding this important road improvement under the Nation Building Program. This has been a dangerous section of road for some time, and the works will increase safety and reduce congestion and travel times. It is an upgrade that I have consistently advocated for.

There will also be an upgrade of Kings Road to four lanes between the new freeway interchange and the Melton Highway.

At this stage there is no confirmed date for the commencement of works – this will be determined according to VicRoads' construction program and ongoing discussion between the Federal and State Governments.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in and advocacy for this most important project.

Yours sincerely,

MARIA VAMVAKINOUP MP