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### **Federal Funding for Kings Road Overpass in FY09/10**

Dear Federal Members and Senators,

We seek your further interest in the above project. As the Federal and State Budgets reach finality we are seriously concerned that the necessary coordination between the two levels of Government may hinder effective provisions for the Calder Freeway works envisaged for Auslink 2 funding. We have been led to understand that State Government funding remains dependent on a prior Federal Funding allocation. With the Victorian Government Budget preceding the announcement of the Federal Budget we seek assurance that the mechanics of these funding provisions will not preclude effective joint action.

The Victorian Government has indicated to us that they will only commit to the Kings Road project if the Federal Government does. This leaves the CAG and the community in a catch 22 situation. Before the Federal Election last year we were confident that Federal funding for their 50/50 share of the Kings Road Overpass would be including in the forthcoming Auslink 2 programme for FY09/10.

Recently gathered statistics indicate a significant residual safety problem on this section of the Highway despite the 2004 band-aid safety provisions. Since 2004 there have been 99 crashes on this section of the Calder. There have been 2 fatal accidents since 1993 and 7 in the previous 6 years. So, despite fatal accidents having reduced, the risk of a death at any of the hazardous junctions remains a serious concern. I would refer you to our updated website: [www.calderactiongroup.com.au](http://www.calderactiongroup.com.au) for further information. Only the ultimate plan of erecting the three planned overpasses and associated widening will bring the road to full Freeway standard and "complete the Calder Freeway" as an appropriate transport link for north-western Victoria

We seek your urgent support in pre-Budget discussions to ensure that the needs of our region for a safe and economically effective freeway are not overlooked

Yours sincerely,

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