

Hon Terry Mulder, MLA Minister for Roads,

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## CALDER FREEWAY

Dear Minister,

For over 18 months the Calder Action Group Inc has worked closely with Vic Roads Melbourne office to try and gain approval; and funding on two important safety initiatives for the Calder Freeway.

1. Variable speed signs
2. Legal u-turn modifications at Calder Park Drive and Organs Pipes Road

Most freeway changes or modifications of this nature require funding from the state government. Our group has yet to receive any formal notification from the government, since your general letter of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011, as to whether we have been successful as a group, or community in terms of budgetary consideration for these safety initiatives.

Unfortunately the accidents have not abated on this section of the Calder Freeway - just this week we have heard of a further accident.

Since our group was formed in June 2007 traffic volumes have increased from 37,500 vehicles per day to over 51,000. Recent approximations indicate AM peak city bound = 1,900vph and PM peak out bound = 2,300vph.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006 thru to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 between Calder Park Drive and Organ Pipes Rd there have been the following recorded accidents refer table 1 below. These figures do not include any accidents from the end of June 2011.

### ACCIDENT SEVERITY

Fatal Accident	Serious Injury Accident	Other Injury Accident	Totoal Accidents	Total Persons
Nil	5	7	12	35

table 1

The community seeks urgent funding allocation for these safety initiatives to mitigate future accidents on this section of the Calder Freeway.

We need to not only "talk the toll down" but to invest appropriately in safety measures that reflect the importance of this initiative.

The Calder Action Group Inc not only urges the minister to review the facts of this issue and further consider the current risks as they speak for themselves but also the future safety measures as a mitigation strategy for potential accidents that may occur.

Kind Regards

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