

# CAG

## CALDER ACTION GROUP MEETING

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009

At Goonawarra Neighbourhood Centre 7:30 PM

### Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions Russell Mowatt
2. Apologies: [M. Ryan, Marina & Alex Keskevich, J. Haskin, A. Potter, J. Worden, C. McKinnon, M. Abernathy and P. Dirckze.](#)  
  
Present: [R. Mowatt, I. Sutherland and P. Watson](#)
3. Those previous minutes on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2008 be accepted as a true and account record of meeting. [Motion put forward by R. Mowatt and seconded by I. Sutherland](#)
  - 3.1 Correspondence out: Various letters to elected representatives.
  - 3.2 Correspondence in: Various letters from elected representatives.
4. First item of business to discuss a proposed draft letter response to T. Pallas and John Brumby on the status of state funding for the Kings Road and Calder Highway. This letter to be sent to various government bodies and elected representatives as a matter of urgency.  
  
[Draft letter presented by I. Sutherland and apart from a few minor changes agreed to send to the Premier for his urgent attention and action. Motion put forward by R. Mowatt and seconded by P. Watson.](#)
5. Second item of business to discuss short-term improvements on the Calder Highway between Sunshine Ave and Calder Park Drive. R. Mowatt to brief group on his advice from Vic Roads.

[CAG acknowledges and thanks State Government and Vic Roads for installing 22 overhead lights at the intersection Calder Park Drive and Calder Freeway which equated to approx \\$385,000. We also welcome the ongoing works \(by Vic Roads\) for the widening of the freeway shoulders in that area to address safety concerns.](#)

6. Third item of business to discuss Calder Action Group Web Page and to upgrade its contents as offered by Paul Mcloughlin.

I. Sutherland to contact P. Mcloughlin to update Web Page with new photo's of lights at Calder Park Drive/Calder Freeway on front page, correspondence sent and received and minutes from this meeting. Also to thank Paul for offering his services. Motion by R. Mowatt and seconded by P. Watson.

7. Objectives: Following objectives were established at meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2007. Objectives are ongoing.

7.1 Short Term

7.1.1 To establish solar lights at the intersection of Calder Park Drive and the Calder Highway through Vic Roads. This request has now been fully completed Jan 09 thanks to Vic Roads for electric lights 22.

7.1.2 Possible community fund raising campaign if Vic Roads do not assist with lights. No further action required refer point 7.1.1

7.1.3 To inform local authorities of motorists doing illegal U turns at Organ Pipe's Road southbound to Mel and exceeding 80k speed limit towards Bendigo and making right hand turn at Calder Park Drive to Mel over medium strip. Completed and no further action required as local police are now monitoring and enforcing.

7.1.4 To review legal U-turn road pass BP station towards Bendigo.

7.2 Long Term

7.2.1 To lobby and secure a funding commitment and upgrade to this part of the Calder Highway within the next two years or earlier from the federal and state governments via AusLink Network roads program or similar. Federal Government pledges funding for Kings Rd/Calder Freeway in July 09. However no official response received from State Government to match funding to date.

8. **Action Points**

**R. Mowatt to contact R. Stein from Brimbank police for latest stats of accidents on Calder Freeway in this area.**

7. **General Business**

**No further business.**

**Meeting closed 9 PM.  
Next meeting Mid May 09**