

# Calder Action Group Inc.

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## MEETING MINUTES

16 September 2010

At Goonawarra Neighbourhood Centre 7:30 PM

1. **Welcome and introductions:** The President welcomed the five members of the group for this follow-up meeting on recent activities
2. **Apologies.** Lachlan Brown, Drs Alex and Marina Keskevich, Joanne Duncan MP, Vince Punaro and team Vicroads, Leah Samuel and Kings Road Project team VicRoads.
3. **Present:** Russell Mowatt, Jim Worden, Peter Watson, Col McKinnon, Ian Sutherland.
4. **Correspondence:** Inwards: Emails from Vicroads have passed on apologies for the meeting and some current status of our interests. Outwards: Two letters, copied to our website, one to the Victorian Minister for Roads and Ports on 6 Sep and one to local Politicians and candidates, also on 6 Sep 2010. No replies have yet been received although a phone call to the Minister's office acknowledged receipt of the former.
5. **Business arising:** Replacement of the missing sign at the C706 exit for Vineyard Road Sunbury, raised again at the last meeting, is being undertaken by Vicroads as soon as possible.
6. **Current status of Kings Road overpass Project.** A copy of the project update will be placed on the website. Significantly the construction contract has now been let.
7. **Recent action on Calder Park Drive/Freeway Interchange:** Our letters above sought a commitment to planning this urgent project ahead of funding from Federal and State governments. We await any response.
8. **Calder Park Drive Overpass Planning.** With the looming state election the Calder Action Group Inc seeks a formal commitment from both sides of government, Labor and Liberal, for the future planning and development of the Calder Freeway/Calder Park Drive interchange. This request is in accordance with previous correspondence and our publicized mission statement of the 7th of June 2007. Furthermore as a community group we are very concerned about the continued illegal u-turns near Calder Park Drive/Calder Thunder Dome and the continued speeding of motorists in this area.

9. **Diggers Rest access interaction & bridge lighting.** Vicroads confirm that the two lights we reported as failed have now been restored. Further action on additional lights will depend on their further investigation into safety requirements. Peter Watson will advise his Diggers Rest contacts of these outcomes.
10. **Elimination of the 80Km/Hr speed limit.** The meeting agreed that their experience in discussion with people generally put great emphasis on the need to eliminate this restriction on the Freeway status of the Calder. Vicroads have confirmed that the proposal for variable speed limit signs is still under evaluation.
11. **Residents' Concerns along Kings Road.** Vicroads have indicated that they regard the issues regarding access to the duplicated road as resolved. The meeting agreed on no further action .
12. **Future Strategies.** The meeting discussed ways to further publicize our concerns particularly in view of the forthcoming State election. The following actions are planned:
  - a. A sign will be erected on private property adjacent to the inbound lane just past the Sunbury entrance. Peter Watson was authorized, unanimously, to spend up to \$500 on the sign with text as discussed on the 80km;hr limit and the overpasses.
  - b. Accident data and relevant traffic flow stats for the most recent period will be sought to reinforce our arguments for urgent action - Ian Sutherland to pursue.
  - c. Our next meeting will be a public one, again at the BP station off the inbound lane on Thursday 7 October at 4.30 pm. Politicians, press and wide public support will be invited. Russell Mowatt to contact press. Others to alert political figures.
  - d. Input to the problems on the Calder would be welcome via the web-page [www.calderactiongroup.com.au](http://www.calderactiongroup.com.au). Our strategy is re-confirmed to seek:-
    - i. A government commitment to early planning for Calder Park Drive overpass
    - ii. Priority under the Nation Building Program for full project funding in 2014/15.
13. **Meeting close:** 9.40 pm
14. **Next meeting:** The public meeting on 7 October 2010. Our AGM followed this meeting.

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