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Funds must stay with Calder

WITH the opening of the Kings Rd/Calder interchange imminent, I would like to commend those, including the *Leader*, who have campaigned over many years for improvements along the Calder Highway.

In conjunction with the State Government, the Commonwealth Government plans to fix the entire stretch between Calder Park Drive and Sunshine Ave to raise it to freeway standard.

This stretch of road is notoriously dangerous and has been speed restricted to 80km/h for many years.

The early completion of the Kings Rd interchange has allowed for the early commencement of the next stage of safety improvements along this stretch of the Calder at Sunshine Ave.

However, suggestions that money saved from the early completion of the Kings Rd interchange could be re-directed towards fixing the Kings and Taylors roads intersection are misinformed ("Let there be lights," *Leader*, November 22).

The money was committed for Calder improvements in state and federal budgets and must be used for this purpose.

Responsibility for road funding is divided between local, state and federal governments. In this instance, the Federal Government is responsible for the Calder, and the Kings and Taylors roads intersection is the responsibility of the State Government.

The community should direct its attention towards securing funding for the much-needed Taylors Rd improvements to the State Government.

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