

# Drive for road action

Roads | Kelly Sammut

WITH a change of State Government the Calder Action Group is renewing its push to make Calder Park Drive safer.

CAG vice-president Ian Sutherland said that over the past month the group had written letters to new Roads Minister Terry Mulder, all the region's MPs, Hume Council, Macedon Ranges Council, Melton Council and Brimbank Council.

He said: "We feel we've got to keep it as a priority in the minds of gov-

ernment. And remind them that they haven't done anything about it yet.

"Everyone who drives the road knows it's a problem. (But) there are 33 competing projects with submissions to the Federal Government and ours is not singled out as a priority."

In its letter to the Government, the group pointed out that, in the five years from October 2004 to October

2009, there was one fatality, 13 serious-injury crashes and 17 minor-injury crashes at the section.

Mr Sutherland said that with population expansion in Hillside, Taylors Lakes, Sunbury and Caroline Springs, problems would get worse.

He said the group was yet to receive a reply to its letters.

Roads minister Terry Mulder did not respond to the *Leader's* questions whether it had investigated a

road interchange and, if so, what plans did it have?

But VicRoads project director John Moylan said an interchange for Calder Park Drive was being reviewed.

"We are actively involved with the Calder Highway Action Group and work closely with them to address their concerns," he said.

Work on the \$62 million Calder Freeway/Kings Rd interchange and Kings Rd duplication began in November and is expected to be completed by mid-2012.