

HAVE YOUR SAY: Get moving on danger, says group

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Calder Highway Action Group president Russell Mowatt is disappointed the Calder Park drive intersection received no attention from either side of politics during this election campaign

THE CALDER Highway Action Group is still calling for funding for an overpass at Calder Park Drive as the federal election campaign enters its last week.

Group president Russell Mowatt said the group was disappointed the intersection had received no attention so far.

"It is dangerous," he said. "We have people not sticking to the speed limit which is 80km/h, doing 100 and 110, with people trying to cross."

The number of drivers making illegal U-turns into city-bound traffic and people crossing the median strip in four-wheel-drives were added headaches and were accidents waiting to happen, he said.

"We've received no response back from our letters in April, May or February, we're still waiting," Mr Mowatt said. "We haven't heard anything from the Liberals or Labor and they're both aware of it."

With the interchange at Calder Park Drive is the group's top priority, it is only second on the Calder Highway Improvement Committee's list.

That group, made up of representatives from councils along the Calder Highway and chaired by Macedon Ranges Cr Helen Relph, wants an alternate highway at Ravenswood.

Cr Relph said funding was urgently needed at both intersections.

"The committee has lobbied state and federal politicians to fund both intersections," Cr Relph said.

"However, we have been advised by the Federal Government that all available funds within the Nation Building

Program are committed and any future allocations will need to be considered in the context of future budgets.”

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