



Recent Improvements

Melton Highway to Western Ring Road

In June 2008, work was completed on a \$2.2 million project to increase capacity and reduce congestion on the Calder Freeway between the Western Ring Road and the Melton Highway. The project involved converting the emergency lane to a third traffic lane and the installation of Closed Circuit Television Cameras. This project has provided three lanes within the inbound carriageway between Green Gully Road and the Western Ring Road, and three lanes within the outbound carriageway between the Western Ring Road and the Melton Highway.

The speed limit has been reduced from 100 km/h to 80 km/h due to the changed road environment, being the conversion of the emergency lanes to traffic lanes, the narrowing of these traffic lanes, and associated safety issues. The speed reduction applies inbound generally between Green Gully Road and the Western Ring Road and outbound from the Western Ring Road to connect to the existing 80 km/h speed limit introduced in 2004 between Sunshine Avenue and Calder Park Raceway. Accordingly there is now a continuous length of 80 km/h speed limit in the outbound direction from the Western Ring Road to Calder Park Raceway.

Whilst the reduction in the speed limit results in minimal additional travel time delays of approximately 20 seconds inbound and 40 seconds outbound during off peak times, the works have significantly reduced travel time in the peak flow directions.

VicRoads will review the reduced speed limit on the Calder Freeway following the future construction of interchanges and long-term freeway widening (refer to [Future Proposals](#)).

Calder Park Drive Intersection

Street lighting has been installed at the intersection of Calder Freeway and Calder Park Drive to improve safety and to address crashes which have occurred during the night and at twilight.