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Federal Government commits \$300 million to Calder Park Drive interchange

Melton City Council has welcomed the Federal Government's \$300 million commitment for a new Calder Park Drive diamond interchange, which will make it safer for residents to enter and exit the busy freeway.

The project will be delivered as part of a commitment in partnership with the State Government to invest \$1.2 billion into improving Victorian roads.

A key access point to the freeway for City of Melton residents living in Hillside, Taylors Hill, Fraser Rise and Caroline Springs, the intersection often sees traffic banking back onto the freeway during peak times, increasing the chance of accidents.

Entry to the freeway is currently one way, with drivers having to travel north-bound and perform a U-turn and merge into fast-flowing traffic to travel city-bound.

The Federal Government also confirmed two projects in the City of Melton have been approved for funding under its 2025-26 Black Spot program. \$150 million is allocated per year under the program to projects that improve road safety.

Applied for by the Victorian Government, the City of Melton will receive \$756,000 for a roundabout at Greigs and Mount Cottrell Road in Mount Cottrell, and \$129,000 for a right turn lane at Exford Road and Mitchell Road in Melton South.

Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi:

"It's fantastic to see the Federal and State governments working in partnership to make roads safer for residents in the City of Melton and surrounds."

"Together with Brimbank City Council, we have been advocating for a full diamond interchange at Calder Park Drive to provide safer access for our residents on and off the Calder Freeway."

"Along with the rail level crossing removal on Calder Park Drive by the Victorian Government, this new interchange will help improve traffic flow, to and from the freeway, making entering and exiting it much safer."

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