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Monash Freeway Widening Support

Today, Minister for Environment, Greg Hunt MP, has publicly come out in support of Federal Member for La Trobe, Jason Wood MP's call for developments of the Monash Freeway.

"I raised the need with Minister Greg Hunt some months ago, and he has been very supportive of the upgrade" said Mr Wood.

Traffic congestion is an ongoing problem on the Monash Freeway and widening the road will allow for an increased traffic flow, thus alleviating the local flow-on effects it has on Clyde Rd in Berwick and other local arterials.

"I'm glad that Minister Hunt has come out in public support of my proposal to widen the Monash Freeway. We desperately need this in La Trobe, and I hope that although the State Labor Government have been ignoring the outer south eastern suburbs with the abandonment of the East-West Link, they will come to the table on the Monash Freeway" said Mr Wood.

This comes as Mr Wood is sending a Monash Freeway Upgrade survey to all households in La Trobe this week. This survey allows local residents to add their voice to those of so many others who have complained of the poor state of the Monash Freeway in the past, and also provides the opportunity to give feedback on other local transport issues that need to be addressed in La Trobe.

"I encourage everyone to fill in the surveys sent to their letterboxes about the Monash Freeway Upgrades – It's important that we address the issue of roads and transport now in La Trobe as we develop into a more densely populated area" said Mr Wood.

The survey can be filled in online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LATROBEROADS.

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