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O'Shea Road Extension and Beaconsfield Interchange to be Funded

The Hon. Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Major Projects, Territories and Local Government visited the incomplete interchange in Beaconsfield today.

He met with Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe, Cr. Jodie Owen, Mayor of Cardinia Shire, and Cr. Sam Aziz, Mayor of the City of Casey to discuss the importance of completing the interchange and connecting O'Shea Road from Soldiers Road to the Monash Fwy.

"I am pleased to announce that as a part of the \$1.5 Billion Turnbull Government delivery to Victorian Roads, the Beaconsfield Interchange will be completed and O'Shea Road will be extended to meet with the roundabout.

"I have been fighting for a commitment to these two projects, along with improvements to the Monash Fwy, for a very long time now – and I know local residents are sick of having to divert to Clyde Rd in Berwick to enter the Monash Fwy when another potential entrance point is visible from their own backyards." said Mr. Wood.

"The Monash is such an important arterial running from East and Southeast of Melbourne into the City and of course this is a very fast growing part of Melbourne."

"It's very important that our transport infrastructure keeps up...the planning work we've done today also factors in an upgrade to the Beaconsfield Interchange." said Mr. Fletcher.

Federal Labor has only committed \$63 Million to the upgrade of the Monash, as opposed to the \$500 Million commitment from the Federal Coalition Government.

This comes as State Labor MP and Minister for Roads, Luke Donnellan has recently stated that upgrades to the Monash are a "bird brained idea" - which is in direct opposition to the 95% of resident who recently responded to the #LATROBEROADS survey in support of this plan.

"The extension of O'Shea Road will allow the opening up of developing land south of the Kingsmere Estate in Berwick and Beaconsfield for an advanced manufacturing and technology hub.

"Not only will the delivery of these three projects improve traffic flow in and around the Berwick/Beaconsfield area, but there is a capacity for the creation of around 10,000 jobs in new areas following these works. This is critical to supporting our community." said Mr. Wood.