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\$1 BILLION PLAN FOR MONASH FREEWAY TO GET PEOPLE HOME SAFER, FASTER

A re-elected Turnbull Coalition Government will get people living in the south-eastern suburbs moving under a \$1 billion plan to widen the Monash Freeway.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester MP said the Coalition had put money on the table to build an additional lane along a longer stretch of the Monash Freeway.

“The Coalition has committed \$500 million from our \$1.5 billion Victorian infrastructure package to build an additional lane along a longer stretch of the Monash Freeway, both west towards the city from the Eastlink Interchange and east from Clyde Rd towards Gippsland,” Mr Chester said.

“We expect the State Government to match that funding.

“By enabling people to get to work faster and more safely, we can boost productivity and jobs growth. We want people spending more time with their families, and less time stuck behind the wheel.”

Bill Shorten’s Labor Party has not made any commitments to match the Coalition’s Victorian funding package to upgrade the Monash.

Liberal Member for La Trobe Jason Wood said the booming population in the south-eastern suburbs meant upgrades to the Monash were needed urgently.

“It is forecast that there will be a 42 per cent increase in vehicle numbers on the Monash by 2031 and a 53 per cent increase in heavy vehicle numbers over that same period,” Mr Wood said.

“Most of that growth will come from the La Trobe electorate and we deserve access to roads that will keep up with that growth in population.

“Only the Turnbull Coalition Government has a plan to fix congestion on the Monash Freeway.”

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