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# Media release

## Another step forward in Council's bid to Fix the Calder

Brimbank Council's campaign to **Fix the Calder – to make it safe, get it moving and do it now!** is gaining momentum with a planning study underway to investigate interchange improvements at Calder Park Drive.

The State Government's Major Roads Projects Victoria (MRPV) Authority has begun investigations and planning to inform a Business Case for the Calder Freeway/Calder Park Drive interchange.

MRPV have announced they are gathering information including previous investigations, undertaking traffic modelling and speaking with the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LCRA) about the recently announced grade separation at Calder Park Drive.

The Calder Freeway has been identified as one of Victoria's most dangerous roads and safety improvements are urgently needed.

To find out more and sign the petition to Fix the Calder, visit [fixthecalder.brimbank.vic.gov.au](https://fixthecalder.brimbank.vic.gov.au)

### Quotes to be attributed to Brimbank Mayor Cr Ranka Rasic:

*"Since the election of our new Council late last year, we have established a campaign to Fix the Calder, which has already achieved so much for our community in less than 12 months.*

*"I am proud to be leading a Council that is focused on putting our community first.*

*"Council welcomes the steps taken by the State Government's Major Roads Projects Victoria (MRPV) to start preliminary planning and develop a Business Case for the Calder Freeway/Calder Park Drive interchange.*

*"While this doesn't mean the interchange works are funded, it is excellent to get the Business Case underway.*

*"Actions like these bring us one step closer to being able to deliver safer road connections for everyone travelling on the Calder.*

*"I would like to call on everyone to support Brimbank's petition and let's work together to Fix the Calder – make it safe, get it moving and do it now."*

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## **Background/More information**

### **To fix the Calder Freeway we're asking to:**

- Upgrade the Calder Freeway between the Western Ring Road (M80) and the Melton Highway to bring it up to freeway standard:
  - Add lanes from Keilor Park Drive to Melton Highway
  - Widen the Maribyrnong River Bridge
- Build a full diamond interchange at the intersection of the Calder Freeway and Calder Park Drive
- Duplicate Calder Park Drive between the Calder Freeway and the Melton Highway.

To learn more and share the petition, visit [fixthecalder.brimbank.vic.gov.au](http://fixthecalder.brimbank.vic.gov.au)

Let's work together to Fix the Calder – make it safe, get it moving and do it now.

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