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Clayton Road must be fixed

Federal Chisholm MP Anna Burke has called upon the State Government to make fixing the Clayton Rd intersection a priority issue at the upcoming Victorian Election.

Ms Burke spoke in Federal Parliament about the problems with traffic congestion surrounding Clayton Railway Station, saying the problem has become much worse in recent times to the point it is now “completely intolerable.”

“The case for action is clear. Motorists, commuters and local traders are fed up with the delays and the ensuing accidents,” she said.

“It is time for the government to step up and address this issue. While I understand it will be costly, the community will benefit overall.

“While I welcome the Victorian Government’s commitment of \$1 million to examine options for addressing this issue along the Dandenong rail line corridor, more needs to be done,” Ms Burke said.

“The grade separation of the railway line and the road is absolutely essential to address congestion and, more importantly, accident issues, which are only getting worse.”

Ms Burke said the new \$250 million children’s hospital set to be built at Monash Medical Centre will exacerbate congestion around Clayton Road.

“This is a magnificent project and although it has obvious merit, greater strain is going to be placed on the Clayton Road intersection when construction begins in 2012,” she said.

Local traders were also suffering as a result of the clogged roads, Ms Burke said, and bus services such as SmartBus were frequently being delayed.

“The SmartBus takes students to Monash University, so it is a frequent service, and the hold-ups are affecting bus timetables and leading to immense frustration for commuters,” she said.

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