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### **Make Clegg Road and Wellington Road Safer**

After a spate of recent nasty accidents at the intersection of Clegg Road and Wellington Road in Wandin North, local MP Christine Fyffe has issued a warning to the Minister for Roads and Ports Tim Pallas – take action or there will be serious accidents!

“I would like to see safety improved at the intersection with the installation of rumble strips and warning signs to ensure drivers along Wellington Road know they must stop before crossing Clegg Road,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“I am advised that rumble strips would cost in the vicinity of \$60,000. This is a small price to pay for the number of lives that could potentially be saved, not to mention the number of cars that won’t need crushing,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“I first raised safety concerns about the Clegg and Wellington Road intersection with the Minister for Roads and Ports in Parliament in June. VicRoads investigated the operation of the intersection and were considering options for improvements. We are now at the end of 2009 and the core issue remains unaddressed,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“The intersection is notorious for horrific accidents. Non-locals who use the intersection travelling to and from popular tourist attractions such as Mont De Lancy, the Warratina Lavender Farm and to farms for farm-gate sales up Wellington Road often fail to recognise that they have to come to a complete stop. When coupled with the speed of motorists on Clegg Road and poor visibility, it is a recipe for disaster,” Mrs Fyffe said.

Mrs Fyffe is concerned that the government is not taking the issue seriously after receiving a letter from Minister Pallas which states that:

*“Proposals for improvements must be considered and evaluated on a statewide basis. Any improvements to the intersection of Clegg Road and Wellington Road will be considered in this context”*

“The government has not taken this issue seriously which is reflected by an unwillingness to commit to definite action. Fixing the problem requires more than a token gesture of a letter that is equivalent to a ‘pat on a head and a there, there’,” Mrs Fyffe said.

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