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Support for Upper Yarra Residents Calling for Action on Road Widening to Save Lives in Bushfires.

With continuing focus on the bushfires, Christine Fyffe, Liberal Member for Evelyn assisted residents of the Upper Yarra Valley by tabling over 560 signatures petitioning the State Government to have the Upper Yarra Valley included on the State Government's list of 52 townships nominated as "High Risk".

"The petition was a comprehensive reflection of the level of concern felt by residents of the Upper Yarra Valley about the adequacy of the Warburton Highway as an escape route in the event of future bushfire evacuations," Mrs Fyffe said.

"Parts of the Warburton Highway are exceedingly narrow, which means that in an emergency, fire trucks, police cars and SES volunteers can't overtake to provide the earliest possible assistance," Mrs Fyffe said.

"The last thing we want to see in the future is our emergency crews being led down the Warburton Highway by Mr Magoo in his little put put with no opportunities for him to be overtaken," Mrs Fyffe said.

"By widening the Warburton walking track, residents feel this could offer an alternative escape route in an emergency. The Government needs to have these kinds of back up plans available to residents in bushfire prone areas," Mrs Fyffe said.

The petition also requested the construction of a bridge from the end of Dammans Road to Millgrove to bypass bottlenecks.

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