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## RIPOLL CALLS FOR EVERYONE TO JUST GET ON WITH THE JOB

Yesterdays interchange launch at Gailes only highlights the need for strong leadership and cooperation on the Ipswich Motorway issue Federal Member for Oxley Bernie Ripoll said today.

"Lets just put yesterdays event behind us and get on with the job at hand. No political spin could ever justify the disgraceful condition of the Ipswich Motorway.

There is no argument from either side that there is a problem with the motorway. It is quite plain and simple that there is a safety issue as well as a traffic problem that needs to be rectified now" Mr Ripoll said.

Over the past 9 years of campaigning for an upgrade there has been an overwhelming consensus from the community and engineers that the motorway has to be upgraded no matter what else may happen.

"We have now received funding for the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway within the Oxley electorate and now we must continue to lobby for that same commitment in the Blair electorate.

The full upgrade remains the best value for money and most timely solution for the Ipswich Motorway" Mr Ripoll said.

Future infrastructure needs must also be met now for the Western corridor so that they can cope with future predicted growth in the area.

"We need to seriously look at real solutions for a full bypass through the western corridor not an 8km half bypass at an impossible cost of \$2.58 billion which will do little to alleviate our current traffic problems.

This is the way forward if we are serious about planning for the future of the Western corridor and addressing its exponential growth rate. We don't want more reports just genuine solutions that are affordable and achievable" Mr Ripoll said.

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