

## **Logan Motorway 8 hour blockage highlights need for safer roads**

The weekend pile up on the Logan motorway that stopped traffic for 8 hours highlights the ludicrous position taken by the federal government on the Goodna bypass instead of upgrading the Ipswich Motorway.

One of the federal government's main arguments is that when an accident occurs on the Motorway traffic could be diverted onto the bypass. Well in the case of an accident on the bypass do you divert traffic back onto the motorway?

In either case there is no diverting traffic. When an accident occurs, traffic is caught in the accident zone and just becomes stuck, it can't go forwards and it can't go back. Those lucky enough to be near suburban roads rather than stuck on the motorway may find another road but certainly would not be able to access the bypass.

We need safer roads and emergency lanes that allow for better access of emergency service workers and for the clearing of an accident.

The simplistic argument made by the federal government that a bypass between just Dinmore and Gales would solve all our road traffic problems and give access to an alternate route in the case of an accident is ridiculous. Looking at any map will show that the traffic problems we experience in the western corridor don't start and stop just between these two suburbs a few kilometres apart.

Unfortunately when an accident occurs traffic gets blocked whether it's on the motorway or on a bypass and the 8 hour traffic blockage on the Logan motorway as part of the federal government's bypass route shows the impotence of its argument.

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