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MEDIA RELEASE

Last calls for Inkerman cash

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, has called on the Federal Government to fast track funding for an upgrade to the Bruce Highway at Mount Inkerman.

The request comes following a representation made to Transport and Main Roads Queensland (TMR) on behalf of a concerned local.

“Whenever a road safety issue is raised with me I make contact with TMR to try and get the issue fixed but it appears the intersection at Inkerman needs the Federal Government to come to the party,” Mr Last said.

“TMR have advised that they have completed a design and business case for the upgrade but that funding was the issue.”

“Being a part of the National Highway, funding needs to come from the Federal Government but so far that hasn’t happened.”

“I’ve written to the Federal Minister for Transport, who is also the Deputy Prime Minister, and asked that the funding be reconsidered.”

It’s not only the road conditions in the area that are contributing to the issues according to Mr Last; it is also the growing popularity of the facilities on offer.

“Mount Inkerman has always been a great spot to enjoy magnificent views of the Burdekin district and the upgrades to the facilities at that location is adding to the number of people wanting to enjoy those views,” he said.

“There are no turning lanes for traffic travelling in either direction and the bend in the road just south of the turn off really does cut back on your line of sight so something needs to be done.”

“We need that stretch of road to be safe and we need to make it easy for locals and tourists to take advantage of the facilities at Mount Inkerman.”

“I hope the Minister can help us get this fixed as soon as possible and I know both the Council and the Member for Dawson are also calling for the funding to be brought forward.”

“When we all work together we can get issues like this addressed and make sure our roads are safe for everyone.”

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