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### **Sheed calls on Victorian Government to finalise Bypass business case**

Independent Member for Shepparton Suzanna Sheed has called on the Victorian Government and Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan to finalise the business case for the long-awaited Shepparton Bypass Stage One.

“We have been waiting over two decades for this vital piece of infrastructure which will ultimately duplicate the Goulburn Valley Highway to the New South Wales border. Our city centre sees dangerous heavy traffic in its main street. When the causeway over the Goulburn River becomes grid-locked, as it frequently does, the only other option is a small one-way bridge which cannot handle heavy traffic,” Ms Sheed said.

“For a region that has one of the highest instances of freight use in the state the lack of a bypass is doing economic damage to my electorate.”

In the last federal government budget a commitment of over \$200 million was made to completing the project, an amount that is presumably still available if the Victorian Government would commit to the project, according to Ms Sheed.

“The Federal Coalition Government and Labor State Government have demonstrated they are able to put aside their party differences and work together on a number of major Victorian infrastructure projects. I’m calling on Minister Allan to do so again for the people and economic wellbeing of Shepparton, Mooroopna and the greater Goulburn Valley,” she said.

“I’m calling on Minister Allen and (Federal Infrastructure Minister) Michael McCormack to work together, to get the business case completed and released so that work can start on this very important piece of transport infrastructure proposed for my region.”

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