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\$2m band-aid wrong solution for traffic blackspot

A proposed \$2 million project to install variable speed signs and cameras through a notorious Sunshine Motorway crash zone has been labelled a band-aid solution as local LNP MPs, Brent Mickelberg and Fiona Simpson, have called on the State Labor Government to get on with fixing the road rather than only fixing the road signs.

"It's time money was invested in the Mooloolah River Interchange (MRI) upgrade to remove the black spots rather than only put in speed signs and cameras," Ms Simpson said.

Mr Mickelberg said the Mooloolah River Interchange road upgrade would remove the dangerous merge lanes and duplicate the two-lane sections which was the cause of many accidents.

"This part of the Sunshine Coast's road network is vital road infrastructure that must be able to quickly and safely connect emergency services, patients and their families to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and health hub at Birtinya".

"The current situation is dangerous and we need a proper solution. Motorists are fed up with lengthy delays getting to and from work and schools as a result of this congested interchange", Mr Mickelberg said.

The State Government has instead proposed a \$2 million project which includes installation of eight variable speed limit signs and four closed circuit television cameras covering 2.5 kilometres on this section of the Sunshine Motorway.

From 2012 to 2017, 33 incidents were recorded along this section of the road with 20 of these being rear-end crashes.

Mr Mickelberg said: "The interchange at Mountain Creek has motorists weaving on and off the Motorway within a very short distance. It's a nightmare and needs fixing".

Ms Simpson said: "The motorway needs to be expanded to four lanes all the way from the Kawana Way Interchange on the Sunshine Motorway to the Brisbane Road Intersection, this is one of the major entrances to the Sunshine Coast."

"What we need is the interchange upgraded, not a band aid solution put in place." Ms Simpson added.

Mr Mickelberg said: "The time for action has long since passed, it is beyond ridiculous that it has taken over five years to prepare a business case, particularly when the pre-filling works for the Mooloolah River Interchange will need about two years to settle, before construction work can even begin".

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