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### **Campaign to end Oaklands traffic jam**

Marion Council will today launch an unprecedented community campaign calling on the State and Federal Governments to permanently end 40 years of traffic jams at Oaklands crossing.

Mayor Kris Hanna said more than 41,000 vehicles a day used the road and rail crossing at Oaklands Park and it was not uncommon for motorists to wait up to 20 minutes in peak hour traffic.

“For more than 40 years, Oaklands crossing has been the scene of traffic chaos, long delays and commuter frustration,” Mr Hanna said.

“It’s now time to get Oaklands crossing moving by funding a separation of road and rail, creating jobs and connecting people to services, facilities and businesses.

“The road is closed for an estimated two hours each day when the boomgates are down – which is unacceptable for a main north-south corridor into Marion.

“Our community’s patience has run out which is why we are launching a campaign calling on the State and Federal Governments to work together to fix Oaklands crossing once and for all.”

The crossing, at the intersection of Morphett and Diagonal Roads, is owned by the State Government.

“The campaign will combine print and radio advertising along with social media to let the State and Federal Governments know our community wants the crossing fixed,” Mr Hanna said.

“Council will also put its case to senior government Ministers.

“I urge the community to join the campaign and help send a message to those who have the power to fix the crossing.

“We’re starting the campaign now to coincide with the coming Federal election and will continue it, if necessary, right up to the State election in 2018.

Mr Hanna said the results from a community survey which the City of Marion undertook in March were overwhelmingly clear.

“Of 2198 people who responded to a survey, 60.8 per cent were extremely dissatisfied with the crossing and a further 31.1 per cent were not satisfied,” Mr Hanna said.

“A total of 96.8 per cent of survey respondents would support a permanent fix that would end the daily traffic jam.

“The message to the State and Federal Government is unambiguous.”

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In 2012, the State Government released a planning study which assessed four options to solve the traffic congestion.

It recommended the construction of an overpass to carry trains over Morphett Rd which at the time was estimated to cost about \$110 million.

However, no timeframe or budget commitment was made at the time.

Mr Hanna said the longer the delays in fixing the crossing the more expensive it will be.

“Fixing Oaklands crossing is the first, second and third priority for local residents and anyone who uses the crossing regularly,” he said.

The community can join the campaign by registering at [oaklandscrossing.com.au](http://oaklandscrossing.com.au) or through social media with the addresses at the bottom of this page.

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