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Community backs Council's call for crossing fix

The community is rallying behind Marion Council's campaign to fix Oaklands crossing and end the daily traffic jams.

Less than four days after the campaign launch, more than 1260 people have joined the call for the State and Federal Governments to fund and build a separation of road and rail at the Oaklands Park intersection.

Mayor Kris Hanna said Council is seeking firm commitments from the State and Federal Governments to fix the crossing.

"Council is asking the State and Federal Governments to commit funding and a timeframe to fix Oaklands crossing," Mr Hanna said.

"I am seeking meetings with senior government Ministers to discuss Oaklands crossing and will be advocating for it to be fixed as a priority.

"Our community has endured 40 years of traffic jams and cannot wait another 15 years for a solution."

Mr Hanna launched the campaign by revealing a 12m x 3m billboard displaying the slogan *Let's Get Oaklands Crossing Moving*, releasing an online video and the results of community survey on Monday, 18 April.

The campaign includes a dedicated Facebook page which has 1261 'likes' and is rising.

People are posting photographs and leaving comments about their experiences of using the crossing on the page. A video featuring residents, businesses and commuters calling for an end to traffic congestion has been viewed more than 130 times on Youtube.

Mr Hanna thanked people for their support on an issue, which had struck a chord with the community.

"I thank people who have joined the campaign and urge others to show their support so we can send a strong message to the State and Federal Governments to end the traffic jams," Mr Hanna said.

Oaklands crossing is at the intersection of Diagonal and Morphett roads in Oaklands Park and is used by more than 41,000 vehicles a day.

People can join the campaign at oaklandscrossing.com.au

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