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MOTORWAY BLOCKAGE NOT ON

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today called for the Federal Government to urgently allocate funds for the six laning of the Ipswich Motorway.

She said that today's complete blockage of the Motorway – the second complete standstill in a month – highlighted the absolute urgency of the upgrade occurring.

“Ipswich people do not have time to wait,” Ms Nolan said.

She made her comments as she sat in traffic at 8.15am having left home at 6.30am this morning. She missed an 8.00am meeting with the Premier.

“My situation is not unique. There are tens of thousands of Ipswich people who were late for work this morning because of the inaction and disrespect of Member for Blair, Cameron Thompson and the Howard government.

“Ipswich people have every right to be furious with the Federal government this morning.

“I am.

“For more than five years now the Howard government fuffed about, buck passed and straight out lied through their teeth about plans for the Ipswich Motorway.

“State government is doing its bit. We have committed \$120 million to build an alternative route through Springfield and Ripley. No other alternative is viable at this stage and there is no genuine option but to six lane the Ipswich Motorway.

“The situation on this road is absolutely dire. It could hardly be worse than it is now. The Howard government is showing Ipswich people shocking disrespect and my patience, like that of tens of thousands in the Ipswich Community is wearing thin.”