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Motorway Chaos cannot continue – where is Howard?

Prime Minister John Howard must urgently get on a plane, come to Ipswich and announce funding for the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

“Yesterday’s disastrous accident in which fourteen people were injured in a serious 10 car pile up is yet more proof of the absolute urgency of the federal government dealing with this issue.

“The federal government want to make out that this is just some kind of political issue to be cynically managed but it actually involves real people’s health and well being as well as their ability to get to and from work in a reasonable amount of time,” Ms Nolan said.

“More than a month ago Brisbane’s Liberal MP’s were running around promising a Prime Ministerial visit but, like all of the Howard government’s other lies and deceptions on the motorway, it appears to have just faded away into nothing.

“Ipswich people pay their taxes and many of them voted for the Howard government, but they are being treated with complete disregard.

“In my years in politics I’ve never seen cynicism and disinterest like the Howard government’s treatment of Ipswich people on the motorway.

“People are being injured and thousands of people’s quality of life is being damaged. The Howard government must urgently fund an upgrade to the Ipswich Motorway.”