

Adrian Pederick MP

Member for Hammond

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80 kilometre limit on Swanport Bridge to stay

Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick, recently met with Government representatives to discuss the future of the Swanport Bridge.

“After discussions with the Labor Government regarding the fate of the Swanport Bridge, I have been advised that the current speed restriction of 80km/h will continue into the long-term future,” said Mr Pederick.

“This decision was made by the Government on the basis of ensuring the safety of road users when crossing the Swanport Bridge.

“During this conversation I made it clear that permanent signage would need to be put in place, ensuring all road users are aware of the change, especially in light of the holiday season approaching.

“I acknowledge the Government’s reasoning for this change, although I have been frustrated since 1979 when the bridge was first opened and it was found to be a single lane bridge.

“Further to the bridge’s original construction, I have been informed that the option of investigating the possibility of a dual lane bridge would not be considered within 15 years or more.

“Alongside many local residents I believe that instead of just lowering the speed limit the Government should be immediately investigating the duplication of the current bridge.

“I also raised the issue of additional duplication on the Dukes Highway between Tailm Bend and the border, to ensure one of the busiest freight routes in Australia is adequate for our transportation needs into the future.

“Road safety is of utmost importance and I will continue to pursue the Government on maintaining and upgrading our roads to keep all users safe.”

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