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Slipper joins fight for road funding

A push to fix a dangerous stretch of road on the Sunshine Coast now has extra muscle, with LNP Federal Member for Fisher Peter Slipper committing to the cause.

There is strong community support to upgrade the Bruce Highway between the Caloundra and Sippy Downs turn-offs. Options such as redesigning the interchanges and widening the highway have been suggested.

Mr Slipper's arranging a meeting with Federal Transport Minister Anthony Albanese and has vowed to take up the issue in Federal Parliament.

"You don't need crash statistics or an engineering degree to know that stretch of road is dangerous," Mr Slipper says.

"You can easily see there are high volumes of traffic travelling at high speed with little room for error."

Mr Slipper is supporting his colleagues, LNP State Members Jarrod Bleijie and Andrew Powell, in their campaign to get funding. The Bruce Highway is the Federal Government's responsibility but there could also be funding opportunities through the Queensland Government.

"It's important we have both State and Federal Members working on this," Mr Slipper says.

"We need to attack this from both angles."

Mr Slipper will include the proposed Palmview Development as part of his case. The State Government wants about 6,500 homes built on 850 hectares of land at Sippy Downs, starting next year.

"Palmview adds weight to what is already a strong argument for change," Mr Slipper says.

"Increasing the area's population without improving a dangerous section of road would be sheer stupidity."

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