

Project: **Ballarat
North**

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1404686				To Whom It May Concern, I write to formally request that the signalisation of the intersection of Gillies Road and Cummins Road be included in the scope of infrastructure planning and assessment for the North Ballarat Development Precinct within the current PSP. This request is made in light of the serious safety concerns already associated with this intersection, and surrounding area, and the likelihood that these risks will be significantly compounded by increased traffic resulting from the proposed development. 1. Existing Safety Concerns Gillies Road is currently recognised by the Victorian State Government as a high-risk road, as evidenced by the installation and ongoing operation of mobile road safety cameras in the vicinity. The presence of these cameras serves as a clear indicator that safety issues have been identified along this stretch of road. These cameras are strategically placed to monitor and deter		2025-10-16 11:28:28

				dangerous driving behaviour, reflecting the ongoing concerns regarding speeding and traffic incidents in the area. Additionally, traffic speed has been a focal point of safety interventions in this region. In response to the increasing number of incidents and safety concerns, including serious crashes, the speed limit on Gillies Road was reduced from 100 km/h to 80 km/h. This change was implemented after studies and reviews by the Victorian Department of Transport and Road Safety, which identified high-risk sections along Gillies Road due to factors such as limited visibility, high traffic volumes, and road geometry. Despite the reduction in speed, the intersection of Gillies Road and Cummins Road continues to present significant challenges to road users, particularly when entering or exiting driveways on Gillies Road, or turning left or right from Cummins Road onto Gillies Road. Due to current traffic volumes and speeds, along with varying modes of transport using the roadway including cars, bicycles, trucks, farm machinery and horse floats, and cars utilising Gillies Road to access Miners Rest, Creswick, Clunes and beyond, it is already difficult to safely access residential properties without risk or delay. These issues are exacerbated during peak hours, and they raise serious concerns about the capacity of the road to safely accommodate additional traffic. 2. Impact of Future Development The North Ballarat Development Precinct is expected to bring a		
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			substantial increase in local population and, correspondingly, vehicle movements. I am particularly concerned by the potential impact of the proposed development, which is planning for the construction of over 5,000 new properties, and with this the increased volume of cars using the road. Anecdotally, there has already been a significant increase in traffic on Gillies Road over the past five years, coinciding with the development of Miners Rest and surrounding areas. As new properties are built, traffic volumes have risen, and this trend will likely continue as further stages of development are completed. Further to this the current transport management plan for the area, a stop sign at Cummins Road and the 80km/hr speed zone, is grossly inadequate, as traffic users seems to have little regard for either on this stretch of road. This increase in traffic adds to the already higher congestion levels, particularly at peak morning and afternoon times, making the intersection, and accessing the exisiting properties on Gillies Road, even more dangerous for residents and other road users. Whilst it was likely hoped that transport users would opt to utilise Midland Highway to access the arterial and CBD, many road users still use Gillies Road for direct access to Wendouree, local shopping and schools and heading north to Creswick and Clunes. Without proper infrastructure planning and timely intervention within the current proposed PSP, the intersection of Gillies Road and Cummins Road will face even greater pressure, significantly raising the risk of accidents and reducing the overall safety of the		
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			area. 3. Stage 3 Consideration and Timing While I am aware there is an intention to incorporate the Gillies Road and Cummins Road intersection into the costings and planning for Stage 3 of the broader infrastructure plans for the precinct, it is important to note that Stage 3 is not yet included in the current Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), and the timeline for its inclusion remains significantly distant. This delay raises concerns about the adequacy of interim measures to address the ongoing safety issues at this intersection, particularly in the short- to medium-term, as the development progresses. Given the identified existing and future increase in traffic volume and subsequent transport safety risks, I believe it is critical for planning and infrastructure work in relation to this intersection be included in the Ballarat North PSP, rather than waiting for Stage 3 to be activated, which may take several years. The traffic impacts from the development will be felt much sooner, and delaying necessary interventions could exacerbate safety concerns for both current and future residents. 4. Integrated Transport Assessment Report and Movement Plan In reference to the Integrated Transport Assessment Report for the Ballarat North Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), it is important to note that Cummins Road is identified as a connector street within		
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				the planning documents. As a key connector, it is critical that its capacity, safety, and functionality are properly addressed to accommodate both current and future traffic volumes. The Movement Plan within the proposed PSP further identifies the intersection of Gillies Road and Cummins Road as requiring a signalised intersection to manage the increasing traffic flow effectively. This plan supports the argument for immediate upgrades to this intersection, as a signalised intersection is already considered a necessary component of the broader transport infrastructure for the precinct. 5. Request for Inclusion Given the above, I respectfully request that signalisation of the intersection of Gillies Road and Cummins Road be formally included within the current proposed plan for the North Ballarat Development Precinct. Specifically, I urge that: • An updated traffic impact assessment be conducted on the Gillies and Cummins intersection, taking into account the speed reduction, previous studies on road safety, the increased traffic volumes due to the development of Miners Rest, and the recommendations in the Integrated Transport Assessment Report and Movement Plan for a signalised intersection. • Inclusion of funding for this intersection upgrade or traffic control measures (such as traffic lights, turning lanes, or roundabout options) within the proposed PSP; • Residential access impacts be evaluated and addressed as part		
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				of the precinct’s transport planning; • Immediate consideration of interim measures for safety at the intersection until Stage 3 is ready to be implemented if the intersection is not to be included within the current proposed PSP. Proper planning now will avoid more costly and reactive measures in the future and will ensure that safety, livability, and accessibility are maintained for both current and future residents. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED] 16 October 2025		
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