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**COALITION ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION INVESTMENT TO IMPROVE
SAFETY AND SECURITY ON YARRA BOULEVARD IN KEW**

The Yarra Boulevard in Kew will get the safety and security measures that are needed to protect the local community thanks to new funding by the Coalition Government of \$5 million.

The funding covers extensive measures including CCTVs, lighting and speed inhibitors. These measures are designed to address speeding and hooning issues, and take into account the needs of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

For years, residents have raised serious concerns about speeding drivers, dangerous late-night hooning and tacks laid deliberately on the Yarra Boulevard to injure cyclists and other road users.

Yarra Boulevard has been the scene of over 40 crashes in recent years, resulting in serious injuries and fatalities.

Whilst primary responsibility for Yarra Boulevard lies with VicRoads, I have listened to the concerns of the local community including the Yarra Boulevard Action Group and Boroondara Council and advocated for priority funding to ensure that a range of safety measures for the Boulevard are implemented as soon as possible.

In the 2019-20 Federal Budget the Coalition Government announced an increase in infrastructure investment to \$100 billion to help bust congestion and ensure towns and regions are better connected.

The Budget delivered total new spending of \$6.2 billion for Victoria for roads and rail including \$2 billion to help deliver fast rail from Geelong to Melbourne. This is in addition to the \$5 billion commitment for the Melbourne Airport rail link.

\$396 million has been announced for congestion busting projects in Victoria from the Coalition's Urban Congestion Fund. Victoria will continue to benefit from the Urban Congestion Fund which was boosted from \$1 billion to \$4 billion in this year's Budget.

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