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Pedestrian lights reconnect the community

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria has joined students, parents and residents to welcome a new signalised pedestrian crossing on Stud Road in Bayswater.

Ms Victoria said the signalised crossing near Phyllis Street was a major achievement for the area and was completed during the \$12.7M Stud Road duplication project.

"The Victorian Coalition Government has listened to the community which called for safer measures to cross Stud Road, particular for parents and students of Bayswater West Primary School," Ms Victoria said.

"This crossing provides greater protection for our community and ensures local residents and children can access the nearby community facilities and schools."

Ms Victoria says that the Stud Road duplication project came about after many in the local community approached her to advocate for the funds to get the road widened.

One such advocate was Bayswater parent Lynne Featonby who wanted to be able to reconnect the community.

"This has been like building a bridge, and it's very exciting," she said. "I was part of the Mother's Living Well group some years back and it was difficult for mothers to cross the road and access the health centre."

"Now it's great that everyone can safely cross and it has reconnected residents on both sides of the road."

Ms Victoria said the stretch of Stud Road had been the site of accidents and traffic congestion for years.

"We're making this safer for motorists and pedestrians, and I'm delighted that it has been completed," Ms Victoria said.

She said Stud Road is a key north-south road which connects many major arterial routes in Melbourne's East.

"There are 19,000 vehicles using this road on a daily basis so this major upgrade has ensured a safe and efficient route for motorists travelling through the area and for the local community."

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