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Quirk Buck Passing Fails Annerley Residents

The critical road safety upgrade of Juliette Street Annerley has again been shelved by Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and his 'LNP Team'.

Councillor Johnston said the safety upgrade had been fully funded in the June 2010 Council budget, but now almost three years on, Council wants the Federal Government to pay for the project.

"The Lord Mayor promised to restore projects cut to help flood recovery but has failed to do so. Now in a Federal election year, they are playing politics with people's safety, by refusing to reinstate the Juliette Street road safety upgrade," Councillor Johnston said.

"The Lord Mayor needs to answer a simple question. If this project was funded as a city-wide priority by Council in the 2010 budget, why is it no longer a priority?"

Councillor Johnston said accidents continued at a terrifying rate on the street, with residents and local shopkeepers at risk.

Since 2011 alone there have been 23 crashes, many requiring drivers to be cut from their cars and hospitalisation. In addition, Council's official records show 45 accidents between 2004 and 2009.

"Today I was to move a motion to ensure this project would be funded in next year's budget but I was deliberately ejected from the Council chamber."

Councillor Johnston said numerous projects with lower crash histories had been funded by Council, including the King Avenue and Sherbrooke Road intersection and the Old Blunder Road and Pacific Parade upgrades.

Councillor Johnston said it had taken the Lord Mayor and his 'team' more than 12 months to action the petition (tabled 7 February 2012).

\$770,000 was originally budgeted for project construction in 2010-11.

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