



# Greg Piper MP

## Member for Lake Macquarie



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#### **CARY STREET DEMANDS ACTION**

In Parliament today Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, asked the Minister for Roads when work will start on widening Cary Street Toronto.

Mr Piper's question referred to the section of Cary Street between the Boulevard and Bay Street having an accident rate above the state average and the fact that so far this year four children have been hit by cars.

In his reply, the Minister spoke of short-term safety measures at the Bay St traffic lights in response to recent accidents involving school pupils. He also referred to the money already allocated for planning, but he added that the RTA would proceed with property acquisitions.

"For two years I've been asking the RTA and the Minister for Roads to get on with improvements to this dangerous road," Mr Piper said. "The intersection at Victory Parade is just one of five within 400 metres and it has had 64 collisions over the last three years."

"This short stretch of road is causing growing traffic delays and dangerous driving, yet most of the land needed for road widening has already been acquired," Mr Piper added. "I'm pleased that for the first time a Minister has shown any support for buying the last of the land needed for road widening. It should now be a simple decision to just get on with the job."

"There are safety issues at the school crossing and I welcome any improvement here but this road deserves a complete solution to the congestion and chaos. Safety for school pupils will be one important part of the upgrade."

"The people of the Toronto area are waiting for this problem to be fixed – and hoping that there isn't a death while they wait."

Mr Piper has also launched a petition calling for improvements to Main Road 217 in central Toronto. Copies can be downloaded from Mr Piper's website [www.gregpiper.com](http://www.gregpiper.com) or from his office.

"There has already been a good response to the petition and there are a lot of people who want to be heard on this issue."