



## **DAVID MORRIS MP**

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# **Morris rejects VicRoads grab for cash**

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Mornington MP David Morris has called on Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Luke Donnellan MP, to facilitate a low value, non commercial lease of VicRoads land on the corner of Canadian Bay Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Mr Morris called on Minister Donnellan to provide approval as the land holding minister to ensure the safety of drivers and particularly of young students.

"There has been a longstanding issue with parking in Mount Eliza, for Mount Eliza Primary School but also the Peninsula School, which is adjacent, Mount Eliza Secondary College and to a lesser extent St Thomas More Primary School."

"During the last federal election, Member for Dunkley Chris Crewther committed \$280,000 to improve the much needed car parking in Mount Eliza. This included upgrading the existing gravel car park at the corner of Canadian Bay Road and Nepean Highway, providing additional spaces and a safe pick up area. VicRoads proposition of a commercial lease of \$21,746 a year for occupancy is unfair and unsustainable."

"Improving this car park is vital for the safety of drivers, parents and students of the schools in Mount Eliza which urgently require more safe parking spaces."

"Since the development of the Peninsula Link, passing traffic at the local schools has increased dramatically, in turn making drop off and pick up increasingly more dangerous. The landholding minister has the authority to lease the property on the basis of the peppercorn price; the Minister must do so for the safety of the Mount Eliza community."