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It is scenes like this — and the hours of traffic delays following it — that the West Sutherland Progress Association and others say could be avoided with an upgraded Heathcote Road.

DEADLY ROAD CLAIMS ANOTHER: three decades later and our MPs are still dithering about fixing Heathcote Road. State Governments of both parties have made the same hollow promises but failed to deliver. A 29-year-old driver who died after the crash below was born about the time of the crash above.



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-The Leader, 1990 and 2019

Pressure on for upgrade of road

WEST Sutherland Progress Association has renewed its call for the upgrading of Heathcote Road after an accident there at 8.25am last Thursday saw the road closed until 10.30pm.

Association secretary, Sue McCarthy, said residents' groups in Sutherland, Bangor, Menai, Woronora and Heathcote had been asking for Heathcote Road to be upgraded to four lanes and for another bridge built.

"The reasons are that there have been many fatalities on this road over the years

By REBECCA DETHRIDGE

"This was the case last Thursday. The people who live in the area know the problems — they use the roads every day.

"But the State Government and the Roads and Traffic Authority are not listening."

Ms McCarthy said that was illustrated by the RTA giving Heathcote Road eighth place on the priority list for work in the area.

Many residents groups in the area be

A nearby Dash-cam recorded everything. A witness first thought the Civic was trying to cross into his lane at about 100km/h.

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"It was split-second, and the next thing I know is the high impact," he told 9News.

"The car literally came off the ground and the back kicked up and I dodged it.

"I just heard brake(s) at the last second. It's like 200km/h into a wall.

With a NSW election soon, local MPs Lee Evans (Lib, Heathcote) and Melanie Gibbons (Lib, Holsworthy) met roads officials to put pressure on for the upgrade of Heathcote Rd — just as promised by a headline last century by other MPs, the State Government and officials (above).