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Traffic service to save stuck motorists

Spending hours stranded on the freeway may soon be a thing of the past for Sydney drivers with the impending launch of a new service.

The SUNA Traffic Channel service, which was launched last year in Melbourne, has been scheduled for release in Sydney in the middle of this year.

The announcement comes a day after an accident on the F3 caused traffic to bank up for 10 kilometres and left hundreds stranded for several hours.

The service identifies traffic congestion using data collected from traffic light control systems, information from vehicles deployed in known congested areas and live observations.

The information is then broadcast via the FM frequency and received by a compatible in-car GPS receiver.

"SUNA will be much welcomed by Sydney motorists looking to avoid lengthy road delays and other incidents," Intelomatics Australia chief executive officer Adam Game said.

"Intelomatics is looking to soon begin trialing the service in Sydney and is aiming to begin rolling out the service for the CBD during the next few months."

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