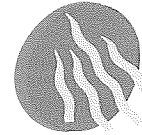




Hon Craig Wallace MP  
Member for Thuringowa



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MP: Hon Wallace	
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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1239-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 2 June 2009, by Miss Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydore, about the recently upgraded Gold Coast Highway in Mermaid Beach.

The Gold Coast Highway upgrade, between Broadbeach and Miami has been prioritised by the government and will support the expansion of public transport services on the Gold Coast. Featuring bus lanes, this upgrade paves the way for more efficient public transport services and is one of many government initiatives underway to help future-proof the Gold Coast. It will also greatly improve safety for motorists and pedestrians and improve traffic flows along the highway.

Stage one of the upgrade from Alexandra Avenue at Broadbeach to Hilda Street at Mermaid Beach, was completed in September last year and work is nearing completion on the second stage, between Hilda Street and Chairlift Avenue at Nobby Beach.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises it is aware of and is concerned about the ongoing pattern of illegal and dangerous driver behaviour, at the new intersection on the Gold Coast Highway in the vicinity of Venice Street and Bondi Avenue, Mermaid Beach. Many motorists are continuing to wilfully disregard the new signs and traffic signals at this location and this is a matter of great concern.

In order to try and minimise this illegal behaviour, the department advises that modifications are due to be implemented within the next few weeks to discourage dangerous driving at this new intersection.

As the issue of illegal and dangerous driver behaviour is an enforcement issue, the department has raised this behaviour with Queensland Police Service.

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The department advises it will continue to monitor the situation once the modifications are in place.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Craig Wallace MP  
**Minister for Main Roads**