

Miss Fiona Simpson MP
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Dear Miss Simpson

I refer to the petitions lodged by you on 29 November 2002, with the Legislative Assembly Offices, about the need to upgrade the intersection of the David Low Way with Menzies Drive and Mudjimba Beach Road at Pacific Paradise and the need for pedestrian refuges near the Discovery Beach Hotel Resort at Marcoola.

As you would recall, I wrote to you on 12 April 2002 about the Menzies Drive intersection and advised the Department of Main Roads would consider the need to upgrade the intersection in future reviews of the Roads Implementation Program.

Funding for intersection upgrading is limited and prioritised primarily on the basis of road crash history. When the program was reviewed in 2002 the intersection was a low priority because there had been only two reported crashes since traffic signals were installed in 1998. Both crashes were relatively minor. While it would be desirable to realign the intersection to improve traffic flow, there are other intersections in the North Coast-Hinterland District with higher numbers of reported crashes.

Main Roads will continue to monitor the operation of the intersection and reconsider priorities in each annual review of the program.

The department has plans to construct a pedestrian refuge on the David Low Way near Lexie Street just south of the Discovery Beach Hotel Resort at Marcoola. The refuge has been planned with Maroochy Shire Council to ensure that it is consistent with council's Communities Creating Vision Strategy 2001. Construction is programmed for early 2003.

If you need more information about either of these matters please contact Mr Dennis Tennant, the department's District Director (North Coast-Hinterland), telephone 5482 0333.

Yours sincerely

Original signed 09.01.03

Steve Bredhauer
**Minister for Transport
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