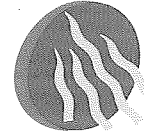




Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Queensland
Government**


Our ref: MC47657

Minister for Main Roads

Your ref: Petitions

14 APR 2010

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to a petition number 1373-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands, on 10 February 2010 about a request for the Department of Transport and Main Roads to signalise the intersection of Ziegenfusz Road and Cleveland-Redland Bay Road and for the department to employ manual traffic controllers until works are completed.

The department finalised its plans in May 2009 to upgrade and signalise this intersection as part of Stage 1 works on the Redland Corridor Project.

The Redlands area is one with unique environmental considerations, in particular the declining koala population and the department is conscious of balancing any infrastructure work with the needs of the environment.

The department worked closely with the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) to work out the best solutions for mitigating any tree clearing the department needed to do and other environmental implications this upgrade may have. As you can appreciate, this process was complicated, especially in an environmentally sensitive area such as Redlands and was therefore time-intensive.

I am pleased to advise the department received a clearing permit on 8 March 2010 and work on clearing the vegetation for the relocation of services started on 15 March 2010.

Following the relocation of services, work will start on signalising the intersection. This work should be completed by mid to late 2011. The department will provide updates to your office as the construction work progresses.

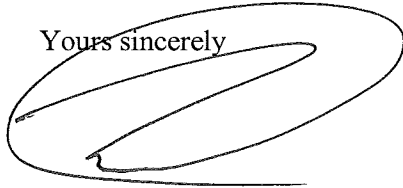
Unfortunately, it is not possible for the department to provide traffic control at every intersection that is waiting to be upgraded. The department currently has a number of intersections waiting to be signalised. The timing to deliver these works would be further delayed if the limited funds available were to be spent on interim traffic control.

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The department will provide the schools with project details and updates in school newsletters or notices to families, prior to and during the construction period. The department will also liaise with the general community before construction works start.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

Craig Wallace MP
Minister for Main Roads