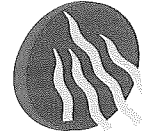




Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



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Minister for Main Roads

Our ref: MC53166

Your ref: Petitions

23 NOV 2010

Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

LAID UPON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE	
No.	53107 3606
24 NOV 2010	
MP.	Hon C Wallace MP
Clerk's Signature:	

I refer to petition numbers 1555-10 and 1531-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steve Wettenhall MP, Member for Barron River on 27 October 2010, about proposed changes to Captain Cook Highway access from Whitfield Street at Aeroglen.

I met with Mr Wettenhall and officers from my department in Cairns on 21 October 2010, where a decision was made to maintain the current Whitfield Street access. Departmental officers will explore alternative options over the short term to achieve the goals of providing a safe Captain Cook Highway crossing for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as identifying ways to reduce the length of inbound traffic queues in peak times.

My department started consulting with the community in early September, seeking feedback from stakeholders who use the intersection. They also listened to the concerns of local businesses.

Departmental officers spoke to 80 residents and 30 local businesses, as well as police, fire and ambulance authorities to identify key issues raised including business access, flooding, the impact on surrounding intersections, and pedestrian and cyclist access to the Captain Cook Highway.

My department values the feedback it has received and looks forward to sharing the outcomes with the community.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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