



Hon Craig Wallace MP  
Member for Thuringowa



Queensland  
Government

Our ref: PP1660-11

Your ref: Petitions

Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries  
and Marine Infrastructure

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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 a petition number 1660-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Member for Ashgrove on 14 June 2011 about the intersection of Samford Road and Wardell Street.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to improving the travel experience of road users and addressing transport issues in South East Queensland is a very high priority for the Queensland Government, as evidenced by the substantial road, busway, rail and cycleway upgrades currently occurring across South East Queensland.

The Queensland Government has committed funds to upgrade the intersection of Samford Road and Wardell Street. The project has identified improvements that will improve traffic flow at this significant intersection.

The turning lane extension referred to as 'stage 1' is a separate works project, which was identified through a planning study completed 12 months ago. These interim works will achieve the first step in delivering the longer-term upgrade goal by reducing congestion. There will be no resultant property impacts and the amount of disruption to residents and motorists should be minimal. These works will commence in October 2011, with the aim for completion by Christmas 2011, weather permitting and subject to the timing of utility service relocation.

Throughout consultation and remaining planning stages, the department will continue liaising directly with key community stakeholders, including Ms Jones, Mr Murray Watt MP, Member for Everton and The Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, Member for Ferny Grove, as well as the federal Department of Defence, Brisbane City Council and the TransLink Transit Authority.

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The department appreciates Ms Jones' and community members feedback about the state-controlled road network. The local community and key stakeholders will be updated as part of the consultation process and the project team have included Ms Jones in the stakeholder list to receive consultation information.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

**Craig Wallace MP**  
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**and Marine Infrastructure**