



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries
and Marine Infrastructure**

Our ref: PP1710 -11

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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 1710-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, Member for Ferny Grove and Minister for Health about Samford Road.

Officers of the Department of Transport and Main Roads have reviewed the safety of the existing median pedestrian crossing point on Samford Road, in the vicinity of the Keperra Sanctuary Retirement Village, near the Blackbutt Street intersection and have undertaken a number of improvements to address the safety concerns raised by the petitioners.

These improvements included upgrading the existing median crossing to provide a fenced pedestrian refuge between the two carriageways. This will improve pedestrian safety by establishing a staged crossing where pedestrians face oncoming traffic. This upgrade will also prevent direct movement across the median.

Departmental officers undertook a speed limit review in March 2010 and found that the 70km/h speed limit was appropriate. I am advised conditions have not significantly altered since that time.

I am also advised that under the current *Road Rules* and, supported by advice from the Queensland Police Service, a U-turn manoeuvre on the un-signalised intersection of Samford Road towards the city at Keperra Street is legal, provided the driver gives way to all traffic entering the intersection.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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