



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PP1760-11

Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1760-11, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Di Farmer, former Member for Bulimba on 17 May 2012, about a request to install a red light camera at the intersection of Wynnum Road and Hawthorne Road.

The Queensland Government recognises that running red lights is extremely dangerous and illegal. From 2007 to 2011, disobeying red traffic lights contributed to 26 deaths on Queensland roads.

At this stage, the Queensland Government has no plans to install a red light camera at the intersection of Wynnum Road and Hawthorne Roads. Red light camera sites are selected on the basis of a combination of criteria, including; crash history, physical constraints and geographical distribution. Intersections with the greatest frequency of crashes involving motorists disobeying traffic lights are considered for a red light camera. The locations are selected using the most up to date crash data in the preceding five years. Candidate sites are then ranked according to crash number and severity, and the highest ranking sites are first to be assessed by the Queensland Police Service for cameras.

The number of red light camera criteria crashes at this intersection does not rank it in amongst the most dangerous sites in Queensland. During 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2009, there were five red light camera criteria crashes at the intersection of Wynnum Road / Balmoral Street / Hawthorne Road and Agnew Street, Norman Park. One crash resulted in a hospitalisation, two crashes involved medical treatment and two were property damage only crashes.

As well as crash data, an analysis of traffic signal compliance and speed data has previously been collected at this intersection. The data revealed that the incidence of red light running, when compared to other intersections where similar data has been collected, is relatively low. Additionally, it was found that a very high percentage of vehicles travel through the intersection at speeds less than the posted speed limit.

As red light cameras are funded by the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP) and funding from CDOP is currently limited, other locations, with a high frequency of crashes involving motorists disobeying traffic lights will be targeted first for red light camera treatment.

This intersection will continue to be monitored as part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads regular review of high priority red light camera sites.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Emerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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