



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1804-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra and Minister for Energy and Water Supply on 14 February 2012, about access changes at the Bellvista Boulevard and Old Caloundra Road intersection undertaken by Stockland Pty Ltd as part of conditions for the Bells Reach development.

The Urban Land Development Authority (ULDA) is the responsible authority for assessing and deciding the Bells Reach development application. The conditions of the development approval were determined by the ULDA, not the Department of Transport and Main Roads or Sunshine Coast Council.

The department made recommendations to the ULDA about improvements needed to support increased traffic volumes that will be generated by the development.

Safety is the department's number one priority and its recommendations to the ULDA were based on ensuring a safe road environment for all road users. The impacts on the surrounding road network, including accessibility for residents on Old Caloundra Road, were considered by the department.

In December 2011, the ULDA changed its original conditions of development approval. These changes were made following concerns raised by residents on Old Caloundra Road. The changes required the developer to build a roundabout on Bellvista Boulevard at Bellcarra Place, about 340 metres south of Old Caloundra Road.

While the reconfiguration of the Bellvista Boulevard and Old Caloundra Road intersection requires some additional travel for residents of Old Caloundra Road to reach the new roundabout, it improves safety by allowing safe U-turns to be undertaken now that the 'left-in/left-out' configuration is in place.

This is an important safety measure given the anticipated increase in traffic volumes on Bellvista Boulevard from the Bells Reach development.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

Scott Emerson MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads