



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



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

Our ref: PP1836-11

Your ref: Petitions

19 DEC 2011

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1836-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Dr Bruce Flegg MP, Member for Moggill on 1 December 2011 about a request to reconfigure the intersection of Moggill Road and Birkin Road in order to allow a u-turn facility at this location.

Officers of the Department of Transport and Main Roads have investigated your concerns and advise that a u-turn facility cannot be provided at this intersection.

If a u-turn facility is provided, it will conflict with the left turning traffic from Birkin Road. In the current signal phasing arrangement, the right turn lights from Moggill Road into Birkin Road take place at the same time as the vehicles turning left from Birkin Road into Moggill Road. This arrangement is in place to keep traffic queues and delays minimal.

Observations of traffic volumes indicate the left turn facilitates significantly more traffic than right turning traffic. Therefore more priority must be given to left turning traffic and pedestrians crossing at the lights. Motorists wishing to turn around in the direction they have come from can do so at a dedicated u-turn facility further along Moggill Road (near Lowan Street).

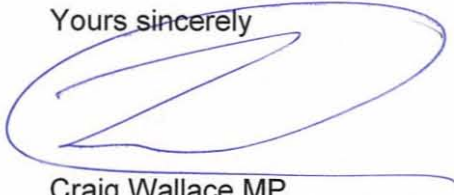
With regard to reports of motorists performing illegal u-turns, I am pleased to advise that the department is installing an advisory sign notifying motorists of the u-turn facility 400 metres ahead. In addition to this new sign, the existing educational sign advising motorists that u-turns are prohibited at all times unless signed otherwise, will be moved so it is also visible to motorists joining Moggill Road from Montanus Drive. These changes are programmed to take place early next year.

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It should be noted that illegal u-turning is ultimately a driver behaviour issue. Adherence to the Queensland Road Rules is enforced by the Queensland Police Service.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop that encloses the name 'Craig Wallace'.

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