

Our ref MIN23444

Ms Beverley Hoyle
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Dear Ms Hoyle

I refer to a petition lodged by Mr Andrew McNamara MP, Member for Hervey Bay, on 15 May 2003, with the Legislative Assembly, about the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Boat Harbour Drive and Ibis Boulevard, Hervey Bay.

The Department of Main Roads has planned for the installation of traffic signals at this intersection. When the installation might take place depends on traffic growth, traffic patterns and priority compared to other projects in the area.

Officers of Main Roads in Bundaberg will review the priority and timing of these works to see if the signals can be installed earlier than planned. This is in direct response to the increasing traffic volumes and the type of traffic movements that are taking place at this intersection. The department should complete the review in September/October this year.

As you can appreciate, trying to juggle priorities and funding is not a straightforward exercise. Total funding for roadworks is limited and there are many urgent projects that need to be done in the Maryborough and Hervey Bay areas. The department has a responsibility to road users across the region to prioritise its expenditure so that the most urgent works are carried out first.

If you need any more information, please call Mr Albert Chiu, the department's district director in Bundaberg, on 4154 0200

Yours sincerely

- Original signed by Minister -

Steve Bredhauer
**Minister for Transport
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