



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PP1933-12

Your ref: Petitions

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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 1933-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 30 October 2012 requesting a right turn lane at the entrance to 559 Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road, Carbrook.

I can assure you that the safety of all road users is a priority of the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Any life lost on Queensland roads is a tragedy and Departmental officers assisted Queensland Police Service with its enquiries relating to the investigation into last year's fatal crash at this location.

The intersection has good visibility for approaching traffic. It also has a marked passing lane for eastbound traffic to safely go around right turning traffic.

I am advised that, apart from last year's crash, there have been two other recorded crashes at this location in the past seven years including one which required hospitalisation and one minor injury. Only one crash was the result of a vehicle waiting to turn right into 559 Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road being rear-ended (resulting in a hospitalisation).

I am further advised that to construct a dedicated right turning lane at this intersection would require some road pavement widening, possible relocation of underground public utility services and line-marking.

You would appreciate that this can become a costly exercise and must be justified by showing there would be significant safety and traffic flow improvements if a dedicated right lane was installed.

The department has a limited budget to carry out road improvements. To ensure best value for the community, the department manages these improvements with funding generally being allocated to those areas which are the highest priority.

At present there are intersections with higher traffic volumes, less visibility, with higher priority. The department has no current plans to install a dedicated right turn lane at this location.

Yours sincerely

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