

Our ref MIN23493

Mr Peter and Mrs Janet Ryan
31 Cambrian Street
Bald Hills Qld 4036

Dear Mr and Mrs Ryan

I refer to the petition lodged by Ms Bonny Barry MP, Member for Aspley, on 4 June 2003, with the Legislative Assembly, about an alternate access to St Paul's School at Bald Hills.

Strathpine Road abuts the southern boundary of the school and is a state-controlled road under the responsibility of the Department of Main Roads. Attunga and Cambrian Streets, also bordering the school, are the responsibility of Brisbane City Council.

The main access for the school is currently through a signal-controlled intersection on Strathpine Road. Improvements for school traffic would disadvantage traffic using this road as it is already congested. Departmental officers have discussed this matter with school officials and are available to discuss any other proposals for changes to the access from Strathpine Road.

The school is investigating alternatives to improve vehicle access to and within the school. One proposal assessed by the school's consulting engineers does show that, if parking and car park access were relocated to the northern part of the school property, there would be an increase in traffic along some residential streets. If the school wants to implement this proposal, it is a matter for council to approve.

Before Main Roads considers any formal approvals for changes to the access arrangements affecting the road, the department would need to examine the detailed traffic report prepared by the school. The department has not received a formal application to change the access or a copy of the associated traffic report.

If you have any enquiries please contact Mr Bill Simpson, Main Roads' Principal Engineer (Development Control), on 3834 8248.

Yours sincerely

- original signed by Minister -

Steve Bredhauer
**Minister for Transport
and Minister for Main Roads
Member for Cook**

