



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 13139

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

8 DEC 2014

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2346-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Bruce Young MP, Member for Keppel on 27 November 2014 about a secure drop off zone and car parking at Farnborough State School.

This issue was brought to my attention at the Keppel Community Cabinet meeting by a deputation that included Mr Young, Cr Bill Ludwig and Cr Graham Scott, Livingstone Shire Council (LSC), and Ms Lee-Ann Lovegrove, Farnborough State School P&C Association, in Rockhampton on 14 September 2014.

During that meeting it was evident that the proposal had strong support from both LSC and Mr Young.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has already assisted by having the speed limit on the relevant section of Farnborough Road reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h through the local Speed Management Committee. Furthermore, TMR has installed enhanced school zone signage (flashing lights) in the Farnborough Road school zone as part of the Queensland Government's commitment to treat more than 300 high-risk zones over a four year period from 2013. Ms Lovegrove advised me that these measures had resulted in speed reductions at peak times.

Typically, the road authority, in this case LSC, is solely responsible for any modifications to the school zone and all associated costs. To receive a financial contribution from the state government, the proposal would need to be deemed a high priority by the Regional Roads Group for funding under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS).

Projects funded under TIDS are captured in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP). While the 2014-15 and 2015-16 years of QTRIP are already committed, a variation in the 2015-16 year could be made but would require the Regional Roads Group to reprioritise the Farnborough proposal above another project earmarked for delivery in that year.

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The next step in the process requires LSC, as the road authority, to develop a detailed design and costings for the proposal and table to the Regional Roads Group for prioritisation against other road infrastructure initiatives in the region. In addition to this process, I have requested TMR to see if any other savings could be identified to accelerate this work.

Yours sincerely

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

Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads