

Our ref MC2478

Mr Lee Campbell  
16 Eagleview Court  
Woombye Qld 4559

Dear Mr Campbell

I refer to the petition lodged by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, on 10 September 2003, with the Legislative Assembly, about the introduction of a 60km/h speed limit on the Nambour Connection Road around Blackall Street, Woombye.

Speed limits are set in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. By following this structured process, road users can be confident that speed limits are being set in a consistent manner across the state. Experience and research in Australia and overseas has demonstrated that arbitrarily imposed speed limits that are too low attract poor levels of compliance. Actual speeds remain at the same levels as before unless massive and continued enforcement is undertaken. However, responsible drivers will observe realistic and credible speed limits.

The process to set speed limits considers the general road environment, accident history, road function and a survey of actual traffic speeds.

Once a speed review is completed, it is tabled at a Speed Management Committee. These committees are formed in each local government area and have representatives from the local government, the Queensland Police Service, RACQ, Queensland Transport and the Department of Main Roads. Input into the review is sought and a recommendation is made by the committee before approval is given by Main Roads.

Main Roads has reviewed the speed limit for the section of road mentioned in the petition. The findings from this review were recently presented to the Maroochy Speed Management Committee. The committee endorsed maintaining the existing 80km/h speed limit.

However, I am happy to advise that additional high-profile signage will be installed to improve the visibility of the existing speed limit and to warn drivers they are approaching a "T" intersection. This signage will be implemented as quickly as possible.

Further, the department has committed resources to conduct planning for a final solution to the traffic issues in this area associated with the Nambour Connection Road. A similar study for the nearby McKenzie Road intersection has resulted in wide community support for changes to traffic management at that intersection and the diversion of traffic to a planned upgraded and signalised intersection at Cobbs Road on the Nambour Connection Road.

The timing of delivery of this project will now be considered in an upcoming review of the Roads Implementation Program. I am confident the planning that will occur for Blackall Street will similarly yield options which will significantly improve the safe and efficient management of traffic at this location.

Thank you for your interest in road safety.

Yours sincerely

*- Original signed by Minister -*

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

