



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports
Minister for Energy and Water Supply

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2389-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ted Sorensen MP, Member for Hervey Bay on 15 July 2015 about the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Emerald Park Way Urangan.

I have asked the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to investigate the matters raised in the Member's petition.

Following the investigation, I have been advised that TMR will install additional "no right turn" signage on the approach to the intersection to reinforce that this movement is illegal. Installation of these works is currently scheduled for completion by the end of September 2015.

I am also advised that drainage along this section of Elizabeth Street has suffered minor scour damage in isolated locations, particularly around drainage structures that could lead to standing water. I have asked for TMR to arrange for its maintenance contractor to ensure the scours are repaired so they do not hold water. I expect that this work will be completed within the next three months.

With regard to bus stops, TMR regularly monitors the network with particular emphasis on growth areas. All proposals and changes to the network are subject to availability of the necessary funding. Any potential road widening for the bus stopping areas plus footpath access, would need to be funded by Fraser Coast Regional Council with approval by TMR. I have therefore asked that TMR raise this issue with the Council.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is responsible for enforcement of issues relating to dangerous motorists behaviour and TMR has requested QPS to increase patrols and enforcement where required. I am advised that this issue will also be discussed at next month's meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee.

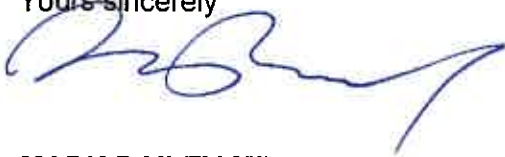
At the present time, no funding is available in the Queensland Transport and Roads Infrastructure Program to upgrade the Elizabeth Street and Emerald Park Way intersection. The Queensland Government will however consider funding for the upgrade of this intersection against other state-wide priorities as part of future review of the forward program.

I wish to thank the Member for Hervey Bay for his interest.

The Member should be assured that safety is a high priority for the Palaszczuk Government, with our first State Budget delivering more than \$500 million for road safety projects across the state over the next two years, and TMR continuing to monitor the state-controlled road network to ensure safety needs are being met.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', written in a cursive style.

MARK BAILEY MP
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