



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

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2631-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP, Member for Surfers Paradise, on 14 February 2017 about providing for U-turn movements southbound on Currumburra Road in Ashmore.

As part of the Palaszczuk Government's \$160.7 million package of road network improvements to be delivered in time for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recently completed a major upgrade of the roundabout connecting Ross Street, Ashmore Road and Currumburra Road.

TMR acknowledges that roundabouts provide greater opportunities for U-turn movements however, converting the heavily trafficked Ross Street roundabout to a signalised intersection has significantly improved safety and reduced traffic congestion for more than 45,000 motorists who use the intersection daily.

During the design phase, and once construction was completed, TMR carried out traffic modelling, analysis of traffic patterns, and technical assessments on the operational efficiency and safety impacts of incorporating U-turn movements at the new intersection.

These investigations determined it was not possible to allow U-turn movements on all legs of the intersection because of the geometry of the upgraded intersection, traffic capacity considerations, and potential traffic conflict points.

While U-turn movements are permitted on Ashmore Road (west) at the intersection, U-turn movements are not permitted on the Currumburra Road, Ashmore Road (east) and Ross Street legs of the intersection for the reasons outlined above. This means adopting alternative routes for access to properties and, depending on the direction of travel, there are a number of viable options.

Although I appreciate that these changes have had an impact for some local residents, I have been assured that my Department did fully investigate all alternative options in delivering a safe and efficient upgrade to the intersection.

I trust this information explains TMR's position on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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