



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 a petition number 2667-16 and 2644-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House, on 29 November 2016 about the Kilcoy-Beerwah Road and Old Gympie Road intersection, at Beerwah.

I have been advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has investigated safety concerns at this intersection. While TMR acknowledges there are many locations on the network that would benefit from an upgrade, it must carefully prioritise its planning and construction funding for allocation to areas identifying the greatest need. Priorities are determined by consideration of site-specific parameters that include crash history and other factors such as traffic volumes, geometry and visibility.

These factors were all considered in regard to the Kilcoy-Beerwah Road and Old Gympie Road intersection, and that investigation determined the intersection is currently a low priority for an upgrade. Accordingly, TMR is not progressing with planning for an upgrade, at this stage.

However, I can advise the installation of a channelised right-turn lane for the westbound traffic turning north into Old Gympie Road from Kilcoy-Beerwah Road, along with road shoulder widening to assist left-turning vehicles, were part of development conditions associated with a residential development near the intersection once the development reached a certain capacity. I am advised these works have recently been completed by the developer, and the associated lighting works for the intersection are expected to be completed by early-2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mark Bailey', written over a white background.

MARK BAILEY MP
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