



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 2695-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Scott Stewart MP, Member for Townsville on 14 February 2017 about the pedestrian crossing situated in front of Townsville Central State School (TCSS) on Warburton Street, Townsville.

I am pleased to advise the Queensland Government has listened to the concerns of Mr Stewart and the TCSS community. Upgrades to the Warburton Street pedestrian crossing were completed on 24 February 2017.

These works included:

- installation of three flashing light mountings on approach to the pedestrian crossing to increase driver awareness of the crossing
- replacement of a faded 'School Crossing' sign in the centre median to improve visibility
- relocation of a 'Children Crossing' sign closer to the crossing after the Kennedy Street intersection, to warn motorists of the upcoming pedestrian signals
- installation of mast arm (overhead) traffic signals with larger globes, at the pedestrian crossing to improve visibility
- relocating the current stop bar road marking further back from the crossing, to increase the distance between pedestrians and vehicles and provide even greater protection distance for pedestrians
- re-aiming signal aspects at the pedestrian signals and nearby Gregory Street signals to reduce any potential 'see-through' to the next set of traffic lights.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is pleased to be delivering these important works to improve pedestrian safety in front of TCSS.

Yours sincerely

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