



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2726-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Murrumba on 21 March 2017 about a request to install a pedestrian overpass at the signalised intersection of Anzac Avenue and Hercules Road, Kippa-Ring.

Following the incident that occurred on 15 February 2016 involving a vehicle and a pedestrian at the intersection, my department has worked closely with representatives from Hercules Road State School, the Queensland Police Service, and Moreton Bay Regional Council to implement a number of significant road safety improvements.

My department has adjusted the signalised pedestrian crossings on Anzac Avenue to provide more time for pedestrians to cross the road. The amount of time that Anzac Avenue traffic is stopped at the red signal has also been increased to further separate vehicles and pedestrians. Positive feedback has been received from the school community about these improvements.

My department has collaborated with Hercules Road State School to deliver an educational program that promotes road safety within the school community. Initiatives such as road safety talks at assemblies, acknowledging good road safety behaviour (awarding certificates and/or incentives), and promoting road safety competitions have been introduced. The feedback from the school after this program finished was very positive, with the Principal acknowledging that the safety initiatives had helped significantly.

'No stopping' signs have been installed along the boundary to Anzac Avenue, including large signs that parking is not permitted. These signs prevent motorists from driving over the kerb and footpath to park along the school boundary to Anzac Avenue. An additional 32 new signs were installed along Anzac Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue, including on the approaches to Hercules Road State School, to remind motorists that they are approaching a signalised intersection near a school.

My department has also removed trees and vegetation within the centre median on Anzac Avenue on either side of the Hercules Road and Klingner Road signalised intersections. This has improved visibility of the signalised intersections and increased awareness that there is a school nearby.

With regards to the petition for a pedestrian overpass on Anzac Avenue, I can advise that overpasses are generally only considered for schools with split campuses on major arterial roads, such as Redcliffe State High School. Split campus schools by their nature generate very high volumes of all day pedestrian traffic travelling between school classes to venues. Hercules Road State School is not a split campus and the direct frontage and major activity for the school occurs on Hercules Road. Similar to other schools along Anzac Avenue, signalised pedestrian crossings are in place to assist pedestrians to safely cross the road.

There are also practicality issues with the construction of a pedestrian overpass at this location, including the need for significant acquisitions of adjacent private property. The construction of an overpass would involve significant cost and there is currently no funding available to undertake these works.

My department advises that with this significant suite of improvements, which included engineering, road safety treatments, education and enforcement, the signalised intersection offers a high level of service and safety for pedestrians to cross Anzac Avenue.

I would like to thank the petitioners for their interest in the very important issue of road safety.

Yours sincerely



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