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Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 2738-17 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 13 June 2017 regarding upgrades to parking, bus services and road access at Pimpama State Primary College.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing safe, secure and supportive learning environments for state school students and school communities. The safety of students travelling to and from school is one of the most important issues for school communities.

Road safety and traffic issues relating to Pimpama State Primary College fall within the jurisdiction of the City of Gold Coast and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR). I assure you the Department of Education and Training is working closely with DTMR and the local Council about these matters.

The Principals of Pimpama State Primary College and the nearby Pimpama State Secondary College have established a joint Safe School Travel Committee (SafeST) to work with stakeholders, including the road safety and public transport areas of DTMR, the Parents and Citizens' Associations (P&Cs) of both schools, and the City of Gold Coast. The SafeST Committee's role is to coordinate responses to concerns regarding safe transport, bus capacity, traffic congestion and parking in the area. Translink, a division of DTMR, is responsible for the bus services. A representative from Translink attends the joint SafeST Committee meetings.

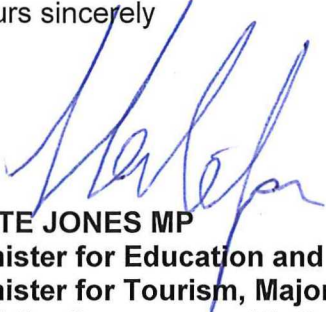
The joint SafeST Committee previously met on 23 March 2017 and 18 May 2017. The next meeting of the SafeST Committee is scheduled for 27 July 2017, when the Committee will review plans showing proposed changes to the public car park and set down area for Pimpama State Primary College developed by the City of Gold Coast.

The Principals and P&Cs of both schools also ensure safe practices are regularly promoted to students, parents and the wider community.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Kevin Mara, Assistant Director-General, Infrastructure Services, on telephone 3034 4520 or by email at kevin.mara@det.qld.gov.au.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter and I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kate Jones', written over the printed name and title.

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