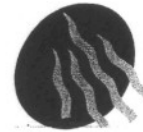




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Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Corner Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition about provision of traffic lights and pedestrian crossings at Petrie

I refer to the petition lodged by Mrs Linda Lavarch MP, Member for Kurwongbah, on 18 March 2004 about signalisation of the intersection of Anzac Avenue, Gympie Road and Dayboro Road at Petrie, including provision of a pedestrian crossing.

Please find enclosed a copy of my reply to Mr John Brady for your information. I have also arranged for an electronic copy of the response to be forwarded to your office.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr John Brady
Principal
Our Lady of the Way
38 Armstrong Street
Petrie Qld 4502

Dear Mr Brady

Re: Petition about provision of traffic lights and pedestrian crossings at Petrie

Thank you for the petition lodged by Mrs Linda Lavarch MP, Member for Kurwongbah, in Parliament on 18 March 2004 about signalisation of the intersection of Anzac Avenue, Gympie Road and Dayboro Road at Petrie, including provision of a pedestrian crossing.

The Department of Main Roads has been reviewing traffic and pedestrian conditions at this roundabout and approaches for a number of years.

Three options have been considered, namely:

- Improved roundabout – while this option improves the flow of traffic it does not provide the best solution for pedestrians and local access.
- Full-signalised intersection – this proposal provides for both vehicle and pedestrian movements, however it is a high-cost option with significant resumption impacts on surrounding properties.
- Restricted signalised intersection – this option would provide for pedestrian movements and could be contained within the existing road reserve. However, it would not provide sufficient capacity for current traffic volumes and would result in loss of on-street parking for local businesses.

Implementing any of these options will have varying impacts and benefits to local businesses and road users including pedestrians. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure the final option will offer a long term balance between these impacts and benefits. This also requires consideration of road improvements that are planned for the wider road network and are likely to change the traffic flow at the roundabout. Tenders have now been called for construction of the Linkfield connection between Gympie Road at Bald Hills and South Pine Road at Brendale.

Also, the Pine Rivers Shire Council Integrated Local Transport Plan recommends bypass roads to the east and west of the Petrie retail area. However, the timing of these initiatives is unknown. These improvements will potentially reduce traffic through the roundabout and as a result, a solution to meet both pedestrian and traffic needs without significant property impacts is expected to be more achievable. Because of the uncertain timing for these initiatives, Main Roads is reluctant to commit to a specific proposal at this time.

However, in the meantime, Main Roads will continue to monitor the operation of the roundabout and review planning for a suitable treatment for the intersection. I am pleased to advise that tenders have been called for upgrading the Gympie Road approach to the roundabout, including duplication of the rail overpass. This will be the first step towards addressing traffic flow through the roundabout, whichever option is eventually chosen. In addition, the intersection of Anzac Avenue and Young Street is scheduled to be signalised this financial year and this will allow safer pedestrian movements across Anzac Avenue.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Patrick Dennehy, Main Roads' Manager (Transport Planning) at Metropolitan District on 3834 8210.

Yours sincerely

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PAUL LUCAS MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads