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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 31 August 2017 in relation to a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 2812-17 on behalf of principal petitioner, Mr Les Campbell. This petition relates to excessive noise emitted from a number of cars and motorcycles involved in illegal street-racing while travelling along the Gold Coast Highway at Macintosh Island, causing undue stress and danger to the residents of Main Beach, Paradise Waters and Surfers Paradise.

In order to address the issues raised in the petition, I sought advice from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) and have been informed that there have been a number of inquiries about traffic concerns in the Main Beach, Paradise Waters and Surfers Paradise areas.

I understand that Senior Sergeant Paul Hunter of Surfers Paradise Police Station, contacted Mr Campbell on 12 September to discuss his concerns. Senior Sergeant Hunter advised Mr Campbell that traffic enforcement is a key component of the QPS's Strategic Plan, and that increased patrols will be initiated on the Gold Coast Highway near Admiralty Drive, Surfers Paradise, to address his concerns.

In the eight month period to 1 September 2017, Surfers Paradise police performed in excess of 6,520 hours on traffic enforcement activities including, completion of over 21,152 random breath tests and issued nearly 2,994 traffic infringement notices, along with several targeted traffic enforcement operations. The information received from Mr Campbell will assist in aligning police resources and addressing community concerns with these targeted traffic operations.

The Road Policing Command also assist Gold Coast police with the deployment of additional resources to address driver behaviour in Surfers Paradise and the Gold Coast Police District supporting divisional police operations.

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I am advised by the Department of Transport and Main Roads that fixed speed cameras are used to improve road safety by deterring motorists from speeding.

Potential locations for fixed speed cameras are primarily identified by analysing sections of road with a history of crashes as a result of speeding, which are also difficult or unsafe to monitor by using other enforcement methods.

To be considered, the sites must have had five or more speed-related crashes in the preceding five year period. On the section of the Gold Coast Highway near Macintosh Island, (between Tedder Avenue and Admiralty Drive), there have been two crashes involving speed between 1 January 2012 and 30 April 2017, with the most recent speed related crash occurring in 2014.

Although I understand the frustration about noise, the government's priority is to install fixed speed cameras where they have the biggest benefit in reducing speed-related crashes. Due to the limited number of speed-related crashes on the Gold Coast Highway near Macintosh Island, a fixed speed camera is not being considered for this location at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require further information, Mr Mark Biddulph, Chief of Staff, is available on telephone (07) 3035 8300.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
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