



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and
Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2830-17 and 2832-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jason Costigan MP, Member for Whitsunday on 7 September 2017 about the Bruce Highway and Alf Casey Road intersection.

I can advise that the Alf Casey Road intersection has undergone a risk assessment investigation by officers from the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Although this assessment did result in a lower priority rating, I am advised that it has been identified for a potential future upgrade, to provide a channelised right-turning lane for southbound traffic.

No funding is currently allocated for construction of the upgrade. Timing for construction will be subject to competing priorities and available state funds. Unfortunately that competition has become more challenging as a consequence of more than \$600 million having been cut from transport funding during the term of the previous LNP government.

I am further advised that extra signage was placed on the Bruce Highway in September 2016 notifying motorists of the impending intersection.

I appreciate the concerns raised about the intersection and can assure petitioners the Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring the Bruce Highway is safe and capable of handling growing traffic demands.

I thank the petitioners for their commitment to improved road safety in their local community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Bailey".

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and
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