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

I refer to petition number 2878-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr David Janetzki MP, Member for Toowoomba South, on 2 May 2018 about the need for traffic signals at the intersection of the New England Highway (Ruthven Street) and Donohue Street in Toowoomba.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) continually monitors the needs of the state-controlled road network through Toowoomba including the Warrego, New England and Gore Highways.

TMR is undertaking planning for future upgrades based on identified priorities and depending on future funding availability.

While TMR understands community concerns about this intersection, there are higher priority intersections elsewhere on the state-controlled road network in Toowoomba that require an upgrade due to accident history, traffic volumes and road efficiency needs.

As a result, there are no current plans to install traffic signals at the Ruthven and Donohue Streets intersection.

Funding for any future construction would be subject to competing priorities across the state.

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 – resulting in a shortfall in project planning and delivery that the Palaszczuk Government is still working to repair.

Yours sincerely

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

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**