



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2881-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 4 September 2018 about the intersection of the Warrego Highway, Lowood–Minden Road and Tallegalla Road, Minden.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently undertaking a \$10 million upgrade at this intersection under the Queensland Government's Targeted Road Safety Program. It is intended to immediately address safety issues related to recent crash history, ease congestion and increase capacity at the intersection. TMR considered a range of options for this intersection, with the final design offering significant benefits for motorists and value for Queenslanders. Works are expected to be completed in early 2019, weather and construction conditions permitting.

I understand the community would prefer a grade-separated interchange or 'flyover' solution. Unfortunately, the cost of upgrading to an overpass standard is significant and would take much longer to develop and construct.

A flyover solution is still part of TMR's long-term plan as outlined in the *Warrego Highway Upgrade Strategy*.

On 13 June 2018, Ms Leahy asked a Question on Notice with reference to the recent death at Yuleba and the repeated requests from the community and Maranoa Regional Council to reduce the speed limit from 80 to 60 km/h. In my response to the Question on Notice, I advised a road safety audit would be conducted to further consider this issue, particularly regarding vulnerable road users.

A road safety audit is a formal safety performance assessment of a road. It qualitatively estimates and reports on potential road safety issues and identifies opportunities for improvements in safety for all road users, including pedestrians.

The department will also undertake other relevant investigations when the Coroner's findings have been released.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MARK BAILEY'.

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