



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2973-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Boothman MP, Member for Theodore on 16 October 2018 about carriageway widths.

The *Road Planning and Design Manual* (RPDM) is the primary reference for the planning and design of state-controlled roads. The RPDM refers designers to the relevant Austroads publications for technical requirements, and outlines where Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) practice differs from or supplements the Austroads guides.

Austroads provides Australia-wide reference guides which have been adopted by many state and local government road authorities, and some local governments choose to use the RPDM as a reference for their own road designs. There is no legislative basis upon which the RPDM sets design standards for non-state-controlled roads, and TMR does not have jurisdiction over the design standards of non-state-controlled roads.

Local governments specify road design standards through their local government planning schemes. New development would generally be required to comply with these standards. As such, I encourage the principal petitioner to take this matter up with their relevant local council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MARK BAILEY", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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