



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 3066-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jim Madden MP, Member for Ipswich West on 26 February 2019 about upgrading the Warrego Highway and Mount Crosby Road interchange.

The Palaszczuk Government is aware of congestion experienced near the Warrego Highway and Mount Crosby Road interchange. In mid-2017, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) completed an investigation into an upgrade of the Warrego Highway and Mount Crosby Road interchange. The investigation reviewed options to reduce vehicle queuing on the highway ramps, improve the function of the roundabouts and active transport safety, and identified potential minor upgrade works.

As the Warrego Highway forms part of the National Land Transport Network, the Australian Government has primary funding responsibility. Any future works are subject to competing with statewide priorities and Australian Government funding allocations. Although there is currently no funding to progress the upgrade, the Palaszczuk Government will continue to seek funding from the Australian Government.

However, TMR is taking steps to improve visibility as an interim measure while funding is sought from the Australian Government. TMR is currently investigating clearing of the vegetation along the westbound verge on the Warrego Highway which approaches the Mount Crosby Road interchange, which will improve visibility for any traffic queued at the off-ramp.

TMR has also been working to identify opportunities to improve safety and efficiency on the Warrego Highway between Dinmore and the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing at Helidon Spa, east of Toowoomba.

I thank the petitioners for raising this issue and for their commitment to road safety.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MARK BAILEY', with a long, sweeping underline.

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