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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 3081-19 and 2968-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr David Batt MP, Member for Bundaberg on 12 February 2019, about the FE Walker Street (Bundaberg–Port Road) and Ashfield Road intersection, east of Bundaberg.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) prioritises projects to ensure that funds are directed to areas identifying the greatest safety and capacity needs across Queensland. Priorities and upgrade treatments are determined by considering site-specific parameters that include recorded crash history, present and future traffic volumes, geometry and visibility.

TMR has advised that, given due consideration of these factors, the FE Walker Street and Ashfield Road intersection does not presently indicate a need for signalisation. I note that a school zone operates on FE Walker Street through the intersection with a reduced speed of 60 km/h. Outside of the morning and afternoon peak times, a posted speed limit of 80 km/h is in place.

While the intersection does not warrant an upgrade at this time, TMR acknowledges there may be a future need to upgrade the intersection as population growth continues to occur along the coast. In preparation for this, a business case has been completed which recommends signalising the intersection to include additional through lanes on FE Walker Street, and dedicated cycle lanes through to Windermere Road in the future. Funding to progress the project to design and construction would be subject to competing priorities across the state.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank the petitioners for raising this issue and for their commitment to road safety.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Mark Bailey", with a long, sweeping underline.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads