



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3236-19, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 4 February 2020 by Mr Stephen Bennett MP, Member for Burnett about the Bundaberg–Bargara and Hughes Roads intersection, Bargara.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) determines upgrade treatments by considering site-specific parameters which include recorded crash history, as well as other factors such as present and future traffic volumes, geometry and visibility.

With regard to the Bundaberg–Bargara and Hughes Roads intersection, dedicated right-turn lanes are already in place at both approaches to the intersection to separate through and right-turn movements into Hughes Road. The crash history in this location is low — there have been two crashes recorded at the intersection in the past five years of validated crash data (1 January 2014 to 30 June 2019).

TMR is aware that Bundaberg Regional Council's *Planning Scheme Policy for the Hughes and Seaview Bargara Masterplan Area* identifies that there will be a need to upgrade the Bundaberg–Bargara and Hughes Roads intersection should future development proceed in this area. The State of Queensland will be a referral agency for any such development, and will work with council to ensure future developments contribute to any necessary intersection upgrades when required.

With regard to pedestrian safety, TMR installed the pedestrian refuge island at this location in 2014 to provide a safe area for pedestrians to negotiate one direction of traffic at a time when crossing the road. As current pedestrian crossing volumes at this location are not high, and considered in conjunction with the low crash history at this site and other competing priorities across the state, the Queensland Government is unable to provide funding for further measures at this location at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
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