



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3392-20 and 3372-20 lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra on 11 August 2020 about flashing school zone lights and pedestrian crossing along Pelican Waters Boulevard—a Sunshine Coast Regional Council road, outside of Caloundra City Private School (CCPS).

Since January 2015, the Queensland Government has been committed to improving the safety of Queensland school children, as evidenced by the investment of \$61 million in the School Crossing Supervisors Scheme, \$20 million in the School Transport Infrastructure Program and \$10 million for the installation of new Flashing School Zone Signs (FSZS) at more than 1000 school zones, servicing over 500 Queensland schools.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has been in regular contact with the CCPS community to assess local road safety needs. The latest assessment was conducted in July 2020. The result of this assessment was that Pelican Waters Boulevard was added to the priority list for a TMR-funded school crossing, which includes a school crossing supervisor to assist students to cross the road safely.

TMR undertakes an annual risk analysis and assessment of all eligible school zones across Queensland for FSZS. School zones are prioritised for the program based on significant crash history, road pick-up and set-down within the zone, high speed limits, high levels of vehicle traffic, high levels of pedestrian traffic and visibility problems. Input provided by schools, communities, councillors and Members of Parliament is also considered. While the next 100 priority school zones have already been selected for the 2020–21 round of the FSZS program, the Pelican Waters Boulevard school zone and all other eligible school zones from across the State will be considered in future rounds of the FSZS program.

TMR will continue to work with the CCPS community to address road safety concerns.

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