



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3523-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP, Member for Surfers Paradise on 15 June 2021 about installing permanent speed cameras on the Gold Coast Highway.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to road safety, investing a record \$1.69 billion into road safety infrastructure and initiatives, over the next four years. This includes improving driver education, making school zones safer, and increasing our response to unsafe driver behaviour like drink driving, driving distracted, and not wearing seatbelts.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) work together to deliver the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP), which oversees site selection and deployment or installation of speed and red light cameras on the Queensland road network. TMR works with road safety experts to ensure the CDOP operates in line with best practice procedures and prevents as many deaths and injuries on the road as possible.

Installation sites of new fixed speed cameras are determined using a history of speed-related crashes as a primary criterion. These cameras can also be installed at locations where it is unsafe for QPS to undertake enforcement using alternative methods, such as hand-held speed detection devices.

TMR road crash data shows that between 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020, there have been two QPS-reported casualty crashes involving speeding motorists on the Gold Coast Highway at Macintosh Island. These crashes resulted in two people being transported to hospital.

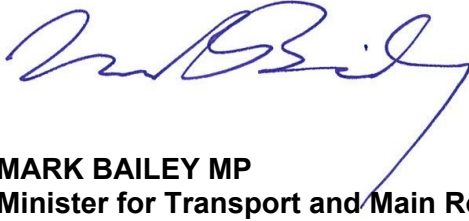
TMR is mindful of the petitioners' experience of motorists exceeding speed limits at this location, however there are no current plans to install new speed cameras along this section of the Gold Coast Highway. As I am sure the petitioners can appreciate, it is essential to prioritise investment across the state to areas of greatest need where it will create the largest positive impact. I can assure you, TMR will continue to monitor crashes at this location to ensure services continue to meet the needs of the community.

It is relevant to compare the Palaszczuk Government's investment in, and approach to, road safety with that of the former LNP government, who cut \$1.6 billion from the roads and transport budget, including \$60 million from road safety funding. This meant that responses to unsafe driver behaviour and delivery of road safety upgrades had to be more competitive against other priorities.

While a road safety camera cannot be installed at this time, TMR encourages members of the public to report any instances of unsafe driving witnessed to Policelink any time by telephone on 131 444 or online at www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink. Policelink is a state-wide service that enables police officers to gather intelligence information and make decisions about carrying out enforcement activities. Hooning can also be reported to the police online at <https://forms.police.qld.gov.au/launch/TrafficIncident/> or by telephone on 13 4666.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves downwards.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads