

Our ref: MC8618

Your ref: 354-04

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No 354-04 lodged by Mr Bob Quinn MP about the Pinklands Sporting Reserve on Cleveland – Redland Bay Road

I refer to the petition lodged in Parliament on 19 August 2004 by Mr Bob Quinn MP, Member for Robina, requesting improvements to the access to the Pinklands Sporting Complex off Cleveland – Redland Bay Road.

Redland Shire Council administers the Pinklands Sporting Reserve. Council has considerably improved and developed the reserve so that it is now the home for a number of clubs and sporting groups, including licensed premises. The reserve is also the venue for sporting events and carnivals, which occasionally generate significant traffic demands.

The improvements that have occurred have been incremental. Council has not required the individual developments or tenants of the reserve to fund the corresponding access improvement both internal to the complex and externally on Cleveland – Redland Bay Road to cater for the occasional significant traffic events.

When there are only infrequent events causing congestion, then specific traffic management plans, with manual controls by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and others, may be appropriate. This occurs at many other sporting venues. Providing additional road space for only a few occasions each year is not justified.

Improvements to the existing access have previously been requested including channelisation and traffic signal control. These could not be justified at that time because of costs and infrequent usage of the access.

The accident history reported to the QPS at this location is minor and, therefore, does not justify safety improvement works as requested by the petitioners.

Recent improvements at the Dinwoodie Road/Cleveland – Redland Bay Road intersection made allowance for a fourth leg of the intersection to provide an additional access to the reserve, with the possibility of traffic signals in the future. The fourth leg could not be funded and there was conflict with some internal facilities that would require relocation.

The Department of Main Roads will again approach Redland Shire Council to determine the long-term developments proposed at the reserve so that appropriate access for all traffic, including vehicles, pedestrians and public transport, can be planned.

When these plans are agreed, funding of the proposals can be considered.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads