



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3704-22 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Nick Dametto MP, Member for Hinchinbrook on 29 March 2022 about constructing turning lanes at the Five Mile Creek swimming hole and Five Mile Creek Road intersections on the Bruce Highway, south of Cardwell.

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), in consultation with Queensland Police Service (QPS), is currently finalising an investigation into a tragic fatal crash near this location on 28 January 2022. It is standard procedure for TMR to investigate all fatalities on the state-controlled road network. The investigation will consider factors such as prevailing weather conditions, road design and visibility, as well as broader issues including driver behaviour. If TMR's investigations establish that any road factors were involved, it will address these, subject to competing priorities across the State. I will provide more information to the local community once the investigation is complete.

Every death or serious injury on the road is one too many, and TMR remains committed to reducing the road toll as much as possible. TMR works closely with QPS, which enforces the 'fatal five' behaviours (fatigue, speeding, drink and drug driving, distracted driving and driving without a suitable restraint) to reduce the number and impact of road incidents.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.732 billion is committed across TMR's Far North District, which is estimated to support an average of 1575 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. These upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs, and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.

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.

MARK BAILEY MP
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