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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3797-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Trevor Watts MP, Member for Toowoomba North on 25 October 2022 about investigating the implementation of a scramble crossing at Wilsonton State High School.

The safety of children traveling to and from schools is a priority for the Palaszczuk Government and we are investing over \$1.5 billion in road safety initiatives. As part of our road safety program, we have rolled out mobile and fixed cameras to catch drivers illegally using their mobile phones and not wearing seatbelts, anywhere and anytime. New speed camera technology will also target speeding drivers in school zones and roadworks across Queensland in a world-first safety initiative.

The roads surrounding Wilsonton State High School (WSHS) are local government roads under the responsibility of the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC).

In addition to the Flashing School Zone Signs installed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in June 2020 to improve safety for WSHS students, TMR can advise that the request for a scramble crossing at the intersection of Richmond Drive and North Street was discussed at the School Traffic Working Group chaired by TRC on 29 August 2021.

The engineering advice is that a scramble crossing involves the traffic signals being changed in all directions, each time a pedestrian presses the button. This would need to be in operation all the time, as there is no way to only have it operational during school hours. This is likely to result in a lack of driver compliance outside of school hours in this location with drivers proceeding through red lights. The request for a scramble crossing was not supported by the School Traffic Working Group.

TMR will continue to work with TRC and WSHS to address any road safety concerns in this location.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads