



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3812-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Anthony Perrett MP, Member for Gympie on 12 October 2022 about traffic safety upgrades at Rainbow Beach State School.

The safety of children traveling to and from schools is a priority for the Palaszczuk Government, with investments of over \$1.5 billion in road safety initiatives to help keep Queenslanders safe. 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. 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 Rainbow Beach State School (RBSS) are local government roads under the responsibility of the Gympie Regional Council (GRC). GRC have advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) that they are currently investigating signage and zoning concerns in this area.

Every year, TMR runs a program to install flashing school zone signs (FSZS) in the top 100 high-risk school zones identified from around the state. The selection of sites is based on an annual detailed risk analysis of all eligible Queensland school zones, which are then prioritised according to crash history, road pickup and set down facilities within the zone, levels of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, speed limits and any visibility issues. Input from schools, community members, councillors, and Members of Parliament is considered in the assessment process.

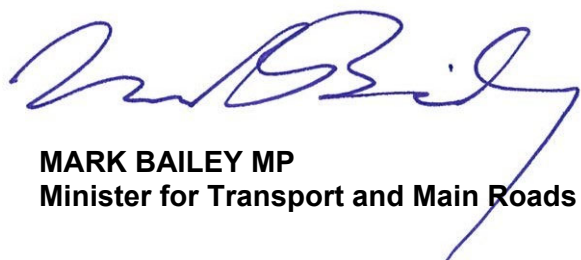
I wrote to the Principal of RBSS on 14 July 2022 advising that the Carlo Road school zone was selected for FSZS in the 2022–23 round of the program (**Attachment 1**). A FSZS will be installed in Carlo Road outside RBSS prior to 30 June 2023.

The other school zones surrounding RBSS in Warooga Road, Koolyangarra Road and Karrowa Drive will be considered, along with all other eligible school zones from around the state for a FSZS in future rounds of the program. To expedite this process, GRC, the road authority, can consider installing and operating a FSZS on Karrowa Drive independent of TMR's program.

TMR will continue to work with GRC and RBSS 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**  
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14 July 2022

Mr Steven Bennett  
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Dear Mr Bennett

The Queensland Government remains committed to ensuring the safety of students travelling to and from schools and will install flashing school zone signs (FSZS) in 100 school zones across Queensland during the 2022–23 financial year.

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that Rainbow Beach State School will be receiving FSZS in the Carlo Road school zone. A representative from the Department of Transport and Main Roads will contact you to discuss the planned works several weeks prior to the installation and before the end of June 2023.

Installation of FSZS at Rainbow Beach State School will improve visibility of the school zone and serve as an active reminder for motorists to slow down when children are out and about. Several important factors are considered when assessing school zones for flashing lights, such as crash history, traffic volumes, pedestrian movements, the speed limit and visibility. This ensures FSZS are delivered to priority sites across Queensland. FSZS have been a success since the program was introduced in 2012. Since then, FSZS have been installed at more than 1230 Queensland school zones.

You may wish to share this news in your school newsletter, using the installation of the new signs as an opportunity to remind motorists to slow down when driving near your school. Together, we can make the streets around Queensland's schools safer.

Yours sincerely

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