



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3780-22 and 3826-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Robert Skelton MP, Member for Nicklin on 12 and 13 October 2022, about the speed limit through the township of Mapleton.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) confirms it is undertaking a formal speed limit review on the eastern end of Obi Obi Road in the township of Mapleton, towards the intersection of Nambour–Mapleton and Montville–Mapleton roads.

The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Part 4: Speed Controls sets out the way speed limits are determined and set on Queensland roads. The MUTCD Part 4 describes an eight stage Speed Limit Review process, in which Stage 6 Engineer Recommendation considers the establishment of a school zone. For the setting of speed limits, the MUTCD Part 4: Speed controls considers many factors, including crash history, traffic volumes and prevailing speeds, road function, construction standard and abutting development. This process is referred to as a speed limit review.

The Queensland Government does support lower speed limits, as evidenced by its current *Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2022–2024* (action plan), which includes at Action 4 – a commitment to review the speed limit hierarchy across Queensland with a view to reducing fatal and serious injury crashes through lower speeds. This includes targeted speed reductions in areas where there are high numbers of vulnerable road users, improving the balance between Movement and Place. On 11 April 2022, I jointly launched the action plan with the Honourable Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services.

When a review of a posted speed limit is undertaken, the recommendations are tabled at a meeting of the Speed Management Committee for the committee's deliberation and endorsement. The committee includes representatives from the local council, the Queensland Police Service and TMR. TMR will advise Mr Skelton of the outcome of this process in due course.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$3.079 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2700 direct jobs over the life of the program.

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 downwards and to the right.

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