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Warren Pitt MP
Member for Mulgrave

Our ref: MC31810

Your ref: 877-07

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000



**Queensland
Government**

**Minister for Main Roads and
Local Government**

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jack Dempsey MP, Member for Bundaberg, on 9 August 2007, requesting traffic signals be installed at the entrance to the IGA Shopping Complex on Queen Street, North Bundaberg.

The Department of Main Roads has advised that the current intersection is considered safe for its current usage, however, some drivers who undertake right turns to enter and exit the supermarket during peak hours may experience some delay due to traffic volumes on Bundaberg - Gin Gin Road.

I am advised that development applications have been submitted on both blocks of land at the IGA supermarket. In its capacity as a concurrence agency, Main Roads has been contacted to assess the development applications for any traffic impact upon the existing road network. If development significantly increases traffic and creates safety and efficiency issues then under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* and the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, the developer is required to pay for and carry out the necessary works (which may include traffic signals).

Should traffic signals be required in the future, Main Roads advises it would consider limiting the access to a left-in and left-out arrangement, restricting right turns. Motorists would be able to safely use either the nearby Hinkler Avenue or Perry Street roundabout to do a u-turn and make a left entry to the IGA supermarket.

Finally, in regards to the comments regarding motorists ignoring speed limits, this is a police enforcement matter. Main Roads advises it has contacted Bundaberg Police and asked them to monitor this section of road and enforce the road rules.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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