

Mr Warren Pitt MP  
Member for Mulgrave  
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Dear Mr Pitt

Thank you for your representations of 28 October 2002 on behalf of Mr Henry Chapman of Babinda and a petition lodged by you on 22 and 23 October 2002 with the Legislative Assembly Offices about pedestrian access across the Bruce Highway at Babinda.

I acknowledge Mr Chapman's concerns and have asked the Department of Main Roads to investigate the issue.

The federal government is responsible for funding maintenance and upgrading works on the national highway network that includes the Bruce Highway. If significant works are needed, Main Roads will need to seek federal funding to carry them out.

I will provide you with further advice once the investigation has been completed. This should be early in 2003.

Should you, Mr Chapman, or any other interested parties, need more information on this matter or on the progress of the study, please contact Mr Bruce Ollason, the department's district director in Cairns, telephone 4050 5400.

A copy of relevant correspondence has also been sent to Cairns City Council for information.

Yours sincerely

*Original signed 28.11.02*

Steve Bredhauer  
**Minister for Transport  
and Minister for Main Roads  
Member for Cook**