

Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports Minister for Energy and Water Supply

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2523-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Trevor Watts MP, Member for Toowoomba North on 3 December 2015 about the Holberton Street school zone at Rockville State School.

As the first Minister for Road Safety, I can assure the Member that safety of children at schools across our State is a high priority for the Palaszczuk Government.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering flashing school zone signs at an additional 100 schools each year over the next three years, with \$12 million allocated to the scheme in our 2015-16 budget.

Schools were selected to receive flashing school zone signs in the 2015-16 installation schedule based on a detailed risk analysis carried out by my department. That process considered crash history, level of vehicle and pedestrian traffic and visibility issues, among other factors.

The Holberton Street school zone at Rockville State School was not selected for this round of the scheme based on that assessment. I also note that I have been advised that this location is not a known trouble spot for speeding and traffic offences.

I thank the petitioners for bringing this matter to my attention, and can confirm that all data relating to the school will be assessed and given due consideration in future rounds of the program, including any representations made by the Member about local issues and problem areas.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply