



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 3259-19 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 19 May 2020 about LED lighting sensitivity.

I appreciate that different lighting technologies may not suit all members of the travelling public.

The move to LED technology is a worldwide phenomenon. The advantages of both energy reduction and longer life make this transition a natural progression as we endeavour to balance our environmental and fiscal responsibilities. The phasing out of low efficacy incandescent light sources for all lighting applications was legislated by the Australian Government in 2009. The Australian Government has also banned the sale of halogen lamps from September 2020.

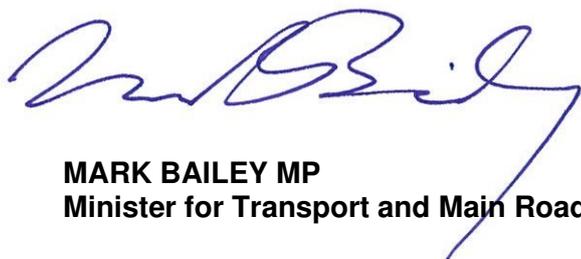
Infrastructure that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) installs using LEDs is designed in accordance with Australian and International Standards. The colour and light output of the LEDs is controlled by these standards. TMR participates, along with other states and territories, in Australian Standard committees responsible for the delivery of standards relating to road signage and road lighting. Through these committees, TMR will continue to raise awareness on the possible effects of lighting on those suffering light sensitivity.

The Accessible Transport Network Program is working across TMR to remove barriers currently restricting access, to support TMR in delivering a fully accessible transport network for the people of Queensland and those visiting. The Accessible Transport Network, in partnership with the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, is driving the reform and modernisation of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Transport Standards).

It is expected that people with disabilities, public transport operators and providers and other interested stakeholders will have the opportunity to contribute to the reforms in the second half of 2020, or early 2021. Further information on the reform of the Transport Standards can be found on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/disabilities/>.

The petitioners' comments on the impact of LED lighting are very insightful and will be informative in the review, and their continued input on the subject of lighting is welcome.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads