

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

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2614-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ian Rickuss MP, Member for Lockyer, on 16 August 2016 about the traffic and pedestrian crossing on the Warrego Highway, Withcott.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is intending to undertake a future planning study of local traffic conditions on the Warrego Highway at Withcott. This will include pedestrian facilities, in consultation with key stakeholders following completion of the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing.

As the \$1.6 billion Toowoomba Second Range Crossing is likely to impact on traffic volumes and the vehicle mix at Withcott, the review will be carried out once this landmark project is completed in late 2018.

In the short-term, pedestrian crossing refuge signage is in place at Withcott and Vehicle Activated Speed Signs will be installed in 2016/17 on the eastbound lanes of the highway as traffic approaches Withcott to highlight the 80km/h and 60km/h speed limits through Withcott.

Yours sincerely

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