



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Our ref: PP1773-11 / PP1828-11

Your ref: Petitions

**Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries
and Marine Infrastructure**

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear  Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1773-11 and 1828-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House on 29 and 30 November 2011 about the D'Aguilar Highway.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has advised that safety for motorists on the D'Aguilar Highway is a high priority. A number of projects to deliver safer driving conditions on the D'Aguilar Highway are planned, underway or recently completed. These include:

- \$15.4 million to rehabilitate the D'Aguilar Highway between Old Gympie Road and Lord Lane. Work started in late 2010 and was delayed due to wet weather. Works recommenced in March 2011 and finished in November 2011.
- \$1 million to construct a new heavy vehicle rest area at Colinton, 27km west of Kilcoy between the Brisbane Valley Highway intersection with the D'Aguilar Highway and Moore, under the Safer Road Sooner (SRS) program. Work started in mid-2011 and will finish in early 2012, weather permitting.
- In mid-2011, Audio Tactile Linemarking was applied to the double-barrier centre lines on the D'Aguilar Highway between Caboolture and Moore as part of a statewide initiative to help reduce fatigue related crashes on state-controlled roads in Queensland.
- In early 2012, the department will commence works on a \$100 000 project to improve linemarking and delineation between Morley's Lane and the Bracalba Quarry Overpass as part of the SRS program.

I am advised submissions have been prepared for improvements at various locations along the D'Aguilar Highway. They include improved drainage, relocation of guardrail, improved signage and minor roadway widening. Future funding of these projects will be considered on a priority basis across the state.

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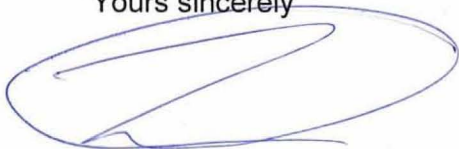
The department has further advised that Queensland Road Rules contain parking restrictions for heavy and/or long vehicles whereby the driver must not park for more than one hour in a built-up area unless otherwise permitted to do so by signs. Local government may make provision to park for longer under a local law and by displaying appropriate signs. Providing parking for larger longer vehicles may reduce parking capacity for smaller vehicles and therefore it is best determined by the local government responsible for planning the roadside activities.

I am also advised that in September 2011 the department completed a review of the speed limit along the D'Aguilar Highway between Caboolture and Kilcoy-Beerwah Road. The review recommended the current 100km/h zone for the section from the Wamuran township through to the D'Aguilar township be reduced to 90km/h to improve safety.

Signage for the speed changes will be installed in early 2012. Traffic calming measures such as raised road humps are not suitable for traffic-carrying roads like D'Aguilar Highway where heavy vehicles account for 14% of the daily road traffic.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Wallace', enclosed within a blue oval scribble.

Craig Wallace MP
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and Marine Infrastructure**