



**Hon Craig Wallace MP**  
Member for Thuringowa



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

Our ref: PP1784-11

Your ref: Petitions

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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 a petition number 1784-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr David Gibson MP, Member for Gympie on 11 October 2011 about the speed limit on the Bruce Highway at Curra.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads sets speed limits in accordance with Part 4 of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Speed limits are set in a consistent manner across the state.

The speed limit on the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and the Wide Bay Highway was reduced to 90km/h in December 2008. This speed reduction is an interim measure until the major upgrade of the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and Curra is complete.

The speed reduction forms part of a targeted road safety initiative developed by the department and Queensland Police Service to improve road safety across Queensland. The road section between Cooroy and Wide Bay Highway was selected for this targeted safety measure following an analysis that was undertaken to identify high crash zones based upon crash data, traffic volumes and the road environment.

The intersection of Bruce Highway and Purcell Road and the intersection of Bruce Highway and David Drive are located outside of the identified high crash zone. A review of the speed limit at both intersections shows that the existing general rural speed limit (100km/h) is the appropriate limit. The department therefore cannot support an interim 90km/h speed limit at this location.

Yours sincerely

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