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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2895-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Jann Stuckey MP, Member for Currumbin, on 20 March 2018 about a request to lower the speed limit on Tallebudgera Connection Road to 50 km/h between 5 pm and 5 am and to 60 km/h at all other times.

As advised in my response to petition 2850-17, speed limits on state-controlled roads in Queensland are determined in accordance with the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. By following these guidelines, road users can be confident that speed limits are being set in a consistent manner across the state, and can have confidence that they are an appropriate limit in normal driving conditions.

Experience and research in Australia and overseas has demonstrated that arbitrarily imposed speed limits attract poor levels of compliance, unless continued enforcement is undertaken. However, realistic and credible speed limits will be observed by the majority of road users, and can be effective in regulating traffic flow, reducing crashes and maximising safety.

TMR conducts speed limit reviews as part of a scheduled program across the region. These reviews involve the collection and analysis of speed data and the road environment, and the endorsement of a recommended speed limit by a speed management advisory committee which includes representatives from the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland, TMR, the Queensland Police Service and the relevant local council. The next speed limit review for this location will be conducted in 2018–19, at which time TMR will consider whether any changes to the existing speed zones are required.

Regarding the petitioners' request that the speed limits be lowered to differing speeds on Tallebudgera Connection Road depending on the time of day, as per the above guidelines, school speed zones are the only areas that can have a decreased speed limit between certain times.

I am advised there is currently wildlife signage in place along the 5.5 km length of Tallebudgera Connection Road, including two large 'WILDLIFE' markings across the carriageway, two large warning signs advising of kangaroos and koalas for the next three kilometres, and two flashing koala signs in both directions. I would encourage anyone who sees sick or injured wildlife to contact the RSPCA emergency hotline on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625).

I can also advise that a review of the recorded crash history of the entire road dating back to the beginning of 2011 indicates there have been no fatalities, and 10 crashes that resulted in hospitalisation. None of these recorded crashes involved wildlife.

In light of the above, differing day and night time reductions of the speed limit on Tallebudgera Connection Road is not supported.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MARK BAILEY".

MARK BAILEY MP
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