



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

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2431-15 and 2474-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ted Sorensen MP, Member for Hervey Bay on 13 and 14 October 2015 about the Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road and Urraween Road intersection in Hervey Bay.

As was the case under the previous LNP Government, of which the Member formed part, no funding is currently allocated for an upgrade of this intersection.

In that regard it should be noted that the previous LNP government wasted more than \$30 million of the Transport and Main Roads budget on preparing for asset sales and contestability, and stripped more than \$600 million from transport funding over the last three years – which could have gone a long way if invested.

The Palaszczuk Government understands the need for an upgrade at this location and has progressed project planning to enable TMR to commence design works to deliver the upgrade, should funding become available.

Current planning for the upgrade works involve signalling the intersection and widening the road, allowing for dedicated right and left turn lanes on Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road and Urraween Road.

As the first ever Minister for Road safety I personally inspected the intersection on 20 October 2015 with the Member for Maryborough, Mr Bruce Saunders, who has been a most effective advocate for the upgrade.

The Member should be assured that the Palaszczuk Government is actively seeking a funding solution for the upgrade, and that TMR will implement interim measures where necessary, as has already occurred with the installation of vehicle activated signs and high visibility give way signs.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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