



Hon John Mickel MP
Member for Logan



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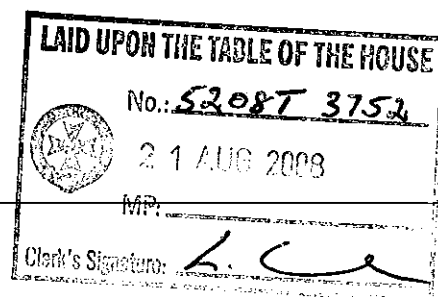
Our ref: MC37364

Your ref: Petition 1060-08

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

**Minister for Transport, Trade,
Employment and Industrial Relations**



Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1060-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Member for Inala on 14 May 2008, regarding road safety in the Oxley State School precinct. The petition was forwarded to me by the Honourable Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government for direct reply.

Further to my letter dated 10 July 2008, Queensland Transport has advised that Road Safety officers undertook a Risk Assessment at the start of term three. The Risk Assessment involves vehicle and pedestrian counts to monitor the travel patterns of students, parents, local residents and other through traffic. This information provides valuable data to identify potential road safety interventions.

I am further advised that Road Safety officers have been in contact with Mr David Collins, Deputy Principal of Oxley State School who was unaware of the petition. However, Mr Collins advised that the school is already involved in consultation with Councillor Milton Dick, Richlands Ward, on delivering a School Road Safety plan. I am advised that this plan has not been finalised.

Queensland Transport's Road Safety officers further advised there is an agreement to establish a Safe School Travel Committee. This will enable all of the key parties from the School P&C, Brisbane City Council's Active Transport unit, the local Councillor and Queensland Transport's Road Safety officers to review the data from the Risk Assessments and identify potential road safety outcomes.

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The main outcomes of the Risk Assessment to be presented to the Safe School Travel Committee include:

- Traffic counts exiting Bannerman Street and Colwell Street;
 - Count of pedestrians crossing at Oxley Road pedestrian crossing;
 - Count of students crossing at the intersection of Colwell Street and Oxley Road;
 - Mid block counts in Colwell Street;
 - Pedestrian counts crossing Bannerman Street; and
 - Parking availability and functionality in Bannerman Street.
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There are implications for any one or a combination of possible changes. Any proposed changes will require community consultation and input before any decisions are made. The streets and roads around the Oxley State School fall within the jurisdiction of the Brisbane City Council who will take the lead on any consultation process.

Queensland Transport further advised that it would be inappropriate to make traffic changes as outlined in the petition without considering a more holistic approach to ensure the safety of school students is not compromised elsewhere. With the establishment of a Safe School Travel committee, the road safety needs of the overall school community will be considered.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



JOHN MICKEL MP
Minister for Transport, Trade,
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