



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to my interim response to petition 3419-20 about upgrading Boonah–Rathdowney Road between Musgrave Bridge and Maroon, which was tabled on 8 October 2020. I also refer to petition 3338-20 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2020 by Mr Jon Krause MP, Member for Scenic Rim about the same issue.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) acknowledges the residents' concerns regarding the narrow one-lane section of Boonah–Rathdowney Road between Musgrave Bridge and Maroon.

TMR receives many requests for road and intersection upgrades, which are prioritised across the state, to ensure funding is directed to areas of greatest need. Priorities and upgrade treatments are determined by consideration of site-specific factors that include recorded crash history, traffic volumes, road geometry and visibility. Locations with a high recorded crash history (using data from the Queensland Police Service) are prioritised over locations with a low recorded crash history.

Recent projects undertaken on Boonah–Rathdowney Road includes two kilometres of road rehabilitation works near Bunjurgan Road in Dugandan in late 2019. Boonah–Rathdowney Road is classed as a low-volume rural road, with traffic counts from 2018 showing that around 590 vehicles per day use the road in the vicinity of Giarraween Road in Rathdowney, and 1090 vehicles per day near Wallace Creek Bridge. Of these vehicles, between 12 to 15 per cent are heavy vehicles.

Accordingly, as there are locations throughout the state with high crash histories and much greater traffic volumes, this section of Boonah–Rathdowney Road is not a current priority for upgrading. However, please be assured that TMR and its maintenance contractor will continue to monitor Boonah–Rathdowney Road on a regular basis to ensure the ongoing safety of all road users. Any defects noted during these inspections will be programmed for repair.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', written over a white background.

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