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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2893-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 May 2018 about level crossing safety in Rockhampton.

Queensland Rail is committed to ensuring the safety of its employees, customers and road users, with all level crossings designed and operated in accordance with national safety standards. Level crossings are also assessed against the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model (ALCAM) to ensure the appropriate level crossing protective infrastructure is in place.

A range of warning and safety controls are in place at all level crossings along Denison Street, Rockhampton, including safety signage and pavement markings. The maximum speed for rail traffic at this location is also reduced to 25 kilometres per hour.

Following an incident on 14 July 2017 at the Denison and William Street level crossing, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) undertook an extensive investigation, with no adverse findings or safety improvements suggested by the ATSB as a result.

Queensland Rail also conducted a thorough review of the level crossings on Denison Street, which confirmed that all are compliant with the ALCAM model and meet all of the necessary safety standards.

Queensland Rail has an ongoing program in place to educate communities about the importance of rail safety, and to remind motorists and pedestrians to ensure they keep their safety front of mind and obey the signs and signals in place for their protection.

Through this program, in 2017 Queensland Rail presented to more than 120 schools, special learning centres and community groups across Queensland, directly engaging more than 20,000 people on the importance of rail safety.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads