



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 3034-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Leader of the Opposition and Member for Nanango, Mrs Deborah Frecklington MP on 31 October 2018, about the speed limit on the Brisbane Valley Highway near the Old Mount Beppo Road intersection, Toogoolawah.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) sets speed limits in accordance with the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*. By following this process, 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. There are a number of factors considered when determining the appropriate speed limit for a particular road. These include crash history, traffic volumes and prevailing speeds, road function, and roadside development and activities.

The Brisbane Valley Highway and Old Mount Beppo Road intersection is located within a 100 km/h speed zone within a rural environment. This section of road also has a low crash history and relatively low traffic volumes. TMR acknowledges that the most recent speed limit review on this section of road was conducted in 2012, however, the rural road environment and crash history has not changed significantly along this section of the Brisbane Valley Highway since 2012.

I can also advise that TMR has completed designs for almost \$1 million in future safety improvements on the Brisbane Valley Highway, which includes the Old Mount Beppo Road intersection. This upgrade will include a channelised right-turn lane and linemarked arrows for the left turn in to Old Mount Beppo Road. Works are expected to commence in early 2019, weather and construction conditions permitting. After completion of the safety improvement works at this intersection, TMR will undertake a formal speed review to confirm whether the speed limit is still appropriate.

In addition, road safety officers will contact Toogoolawah State High School and the Toogoolawah State High School Parents and Citizens Association to discuss any concerns they may have about students travelling to and from school. TMR will work with the school community to implement any necessary safe school travel initiatives.

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.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads