



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Queensland
Government**

Our ref: MC38124

Your ref: Petitions

Minister for Main Roads

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1226-09, 1227-09 and 1236-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin on 19, 20 and 22 May 2009 respectively, about the intersection of Nambour Connection Road and Blackall Street.

I share the community's concerns regarding the recent tragedy on the Nambour Connection Road. The Department of Transport and Main Roads investigates all fatalities on the state-controlled road network and the department will work closely with Queensland Police Service (QPS) during the investigation into this accident.

Departmental investigators will determine factors such as prevailing weather conditions, road design and visibility, while QPS will look at broader issues including driver behaviour. If departmental investigators establish that any road factors were involved, I will act to address this immediately.

I appreciate the concerns raised and assure you that the suggestions made by the community will be considered. I have met with Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, as well as members of the community regarding this road and will meet again when the investigations conclude.

The department is progressing with the investigation as quickly as possible. However, a thorough investigation of all issues must be completed and will take time.

I will review the outcomes of both the QPS and the department's investigations before a decision is made. The department will provide the community with feedback at that time.

To address the community's immediate safety concerns, I have had the department lower the speed limit to 70km/h past this intersection, as an interim safety measure.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely


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