



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PP1965-12

Your ref: Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1965-12 and 2003-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra on 30 and 31 October 2012, about the intersection of Peachester Road and Gympie Road, Beerwah.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises this matter has previously been raised by the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House, who requested an on-site meeting with departmental representatives.

On 8 August 2012, departmental representatives met with Mr Powell to discuss the intersection. The following advice summarises the outcomes from this meeting.

- The department will install an additional Give Way sign on the northern approach to the intersection.
- The department will contact Sunshine Coast Council to remove a 40km/h school zone speed sign that was incorrectly installed on Old Gympie Road (which does not front Beerwah State School).
- The department will nominate the intersection upgrade and construction of traffic signals for consideration for Safer Roads Sooner funding. However, this is a high-cost project with relatively low benefit-cost ratio and consequently this will impact on the ability of this nomination to be successful against other candidate projects across the state.
- Investigations relating to the school crossing are ongoing. The department has completed vehicle and pedestrian counts, on-site observations and made some preliminary recommendations.

The department held a meeting with the Principal of Beerwah State School and the following was discussed:

- recent and previous pedestrian surveys identified very low numbers of pedestrians cross the road at this location
- department observations were that the students crossed the road with due care and little difficulty

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- the risk assessment identified the installation of a supervised school crossing at this location is a low priority. The department has listed the installation of a supervised school crossing on its register for future consideration
- the department has offered to provide infrastructure and train volunteers from the school to become crossing supervisors. However, until this time the crossing will remain unsupervised
- The department has agreed to arrange a site inspection with Sunshine Coast Council officers to undertake a risk assessment of the current crossing location, in particular the issue of the pedestrians crossing at the driveway to the teachers' car park.

I have requested that the department keep Mr McArdle and Mr Powell informed of progress with this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Emerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Emerson MP
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