



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 11112

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 number 2127-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Anne Maddern MP, Member for Maryborough on 4 June 2013 about installing flashing school signs and reduced speed limits at St Helens School, Maryborough.

I thank Mrs Maddern for representing the St Helens School community and bringing this important matter to my attention. The Queensland Government has developed a \$10 million program to install flashing school zone signs at over 300 risk assessed school zones over four years. These are being selected based on a detailed risk analysis of all school zones in Queensland as well as some school zones nominated by state members of Parliament. Priority has been given to school zones with a significant crash history, a high level of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, higher speed limits or visibility problems.

Flashing school zone signs are designed to assist with alerting motorists of a school zone in situations like St Helens School. I will shortly be deciding the schools to receive the flashing signs in 2013-14. Based on the risks around the school and the valuable local knowledge provided, I am sure the communities request will be considered favourably. As you would appreciate, St Helens School is on a local government road and negotiations with Fraser Coast Regional Council need to be undertaken before a final decision can be made. Fraser Coast Regional Council is also the responsible road authority for deciding the length of the speed zone and the speed limit.

Yours sincerely

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