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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, on 18 April 2007 requesting a pedestrian crossing on Nambour - Mapleton Road.

The Department of Main Roads has advised that it assesses requests for pedestrian facilities against Part 10 of the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) and the *Traffic and Road Use Management Manual*. These documents provide direction on what traffic control devices are suitable for the control and protection of pedestrians.

Assessments for pedestrian crossings consider the following factors.

- pedestrian volumes including the number of vulnerable pedestrians such as children, people with a disability, and the elderly
- walking distance and number of lanes to cross the road
- traffic volumes
- presence of acceptable crossing gaps in the traffic and average time between gaps
- visibility at the site
- history of pedestrian injury crashes
- existing road signage on the approaches to the proposed crossing location

I am advised that Main Roads' officers have completed an assessment for a pedestrian crossing in this area. Based on the assessment, this site is not a priority at this time, however, Main Roads concluded that warning signs should be installed in advance of the shops to alert drivers about pedestrians crossing in this area. The signs were installed in March 2007.

I am further advised Main Roads has established a prioritised list for pedestrian facilities throughout the district, which has been determined through an objective assessment process. This site will be added to the list which is reviewed annually as part of the development of the Roads Implementation Program.

Yours sincerely

Warren Pitt MP
Minister for Main Roads and Local Government