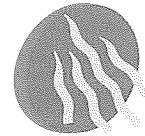




Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



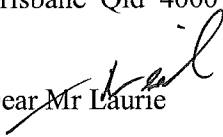
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Our ref: MC47529

Minister for Main Roads

Your ref: Petitions

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


Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1334-09 and 1393-10, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Shane Knuth MP, Member for Dalrymple on 9 February and 10 March 2010, requesting an upgrade of the intersection of East Evelyn and Millaa Millaa-Malanda Roads, via Millaa Millaa.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is aware of residents' wishes for this intersection to be upgraded and is making a range of safety improvements at the intersection.

I am advised that improvements made in 2009 include the installation of Variable Message Signs on East Evelyn Road, sweeping the road surface, installing rumble strips and upgrading signage. Earthworks were also carried out to improve visibility of the intersection for motorists on the East Evelyn Road approach. The department has advised that the speed limit at the intersection has been reduced to 60km/h.

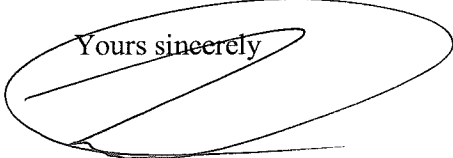
These \$50 000 safety works are a result of the department's road safety audit of the intersection, completed in August 2009.

The department has submitted an application for funding to the federal government's Black Spot Program to further upgrade the intersection and install power.

I am advised that if this funding application is successful, the upgrade could include sealing the left-turn lane from Millaa Millaa-Malanda Road into East Evelyn Road. Installing power would enable the existing flashing warning signs for approaching vehicles to be brighter and perform more consistently. A street light could be installed to improve night-time visibility.

The safety of all road users is the department's highest priority and is committed to delivering road infrastructure improvements for the southern Tablelands road network.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.


Yours sincerely

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