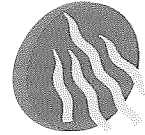




Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



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Minister for Main Roads

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14 MAY 2010

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 number 1418-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Liz Cunningham MP, Member for Gladstone, on 16 April 2010 about reducing the speed limit through the township of Benaraby on the Bruce Highway.

The matter of speed limits often requires a balanced approach, as the perceptions of local residents may be in contrast to those using the road for long distance travel. Introducing lower speed limits on busy highways can sometimes result in frustration for motorists and dangerous driver behaviour may result as a consequence. At this stage, the 80km/hr speed zone on the Bruce Highway through Benaraby, is in accordance with the *Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) and is considered to be appropriate for this situation.

Please be assured that the Department of Transport and Main Roads will continue to monitor this section of the Bruce Highway to ensure the safety of all road users.

Yours sincerely

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