



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Minister for Main Roads

Our ref: MC53867

Your ref: Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1582-10 and 1538-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steve Dickson MP, Member for Buderim, requesting a pedestrian crossing at Burnett Street, Buderim, east of Townsend Road, near Lions Park.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to the safety of pedestrians and motorists on the state-controlled road network. In response to community requests, the department has reassessed the existing pedestrian facility on Burnett Street at the Lions Park, which consists of kerb extensions and is investigating options to further improve pedestrian safety at this location.

The department assesses requests for pedestrian facilities in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices 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

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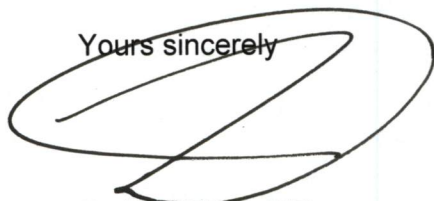
- the location of alternative crossing facilities
- the suitability of the site for pedestrian facilities
- the impact on the road network.

Departmental officers have undertaken recent pedestrian and vehicle surveys and investigations on Burnett Street near Lions Park. These investigations determined that a pedestrian "zebra" crossing is not a suitable pedestrian treatment at this location. Due to the crest in the road geometry, a southbound motorist would not be able to see the zebra pavement markings, or be alerted to the need to stop if a pedestrian was to cross the road.

I am advised that the department will liaise with Sunshine Coast Regional Council to identify short-term options to further improve sightlines and visibility at the existing kerb extensions at Lions Park.

The department will also liaise with council on longer-term upgrade options for the pedestrian facility. The outcome of these further joint investigations will be prioritised for future funding consideration.

Yours sincerely

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