



Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala



**Queensland
Government**

Our ref: PP1612-11

Your ref: Petitions

**Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs**

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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 a petition number 1612-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Aidan McLindon MP, Member for Beaudesert on 4 August 2011 about the definition of roads which require pick-up and drop-off points and the introduction of flashing lights.

Following a meeting with Mr Aidan McLindon on Wednesday 9 March 2011, I instructed the Department of Transport and Main Roads to undertake a safety review of school bus routes in the Jimboomba area. The department, through the Passenger Transport division in consultation with the school bus operator, identified six school bus routes for a safety review.

A safety review was conducted of the nominated school bus routes. The review of the school bus routes was conducted in May 2011 following the school holidays.

I understand that the department has recently received the final reports. It is my intention to provide a copy of the report to relevant road authorities and engage with them to undertake the highest priority work. Local governments will be able to seek grant funding through the department's School Bus Routes Program that provides funding for the improvement of safety on rural school bus routes.

I have noted the request for the investigation of defining roads for designated bus stops and for the use of flashing lights. It is my understanding that all solutions to issues raised by the safety review will be analysed.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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