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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ *Neil*

I refer to the interim response to petitions 4133–24 and 4165–24, requesting an upgrade of the Gympie–Woolooga Road (locally known as Glastonbury Road), by the former Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services, Mr Bart Mellish MP, which was tabled on 10 October 2024.

On 1 November 2024, I was appointed as Minister for Transport and Main Roads and, as such, I now provide a final response to these petitions.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently investigating potential upgrade solutions for Gympie–Woolooga Road and Exhibition Road. An update will be provided to the community once these investigations are complete.

There is currently no funding allocated to undertake planning or an upgrade along the full length of Gympie–Woolooga Road, from Exhibition Road to the Wide Bay Highway. This is due to the large number of other high-priority safety and capacity projects competing for funding across the State.

TMR has noted the petitioner's comments regarding an increasing number of near misses and accidents on Gympie–Woolooga Road. I am advised the annual average daily traffic (2023 data) ranges from around 430 vehicles in rural sections, to around 13,000 vehicles closer to Gympie. There were 30 crashes along Gympie–Woolooga Road in TMR's most recently validated crash data from 1 January 2018 to 30 November 2023.

I am advised TMR will continue to monitor Gympie–Woolooga Road until funding for improvement works can be allocated. Funding priorities are re-evaluated regularly, and the information provided in the petition will be used by TMR to assist in prioritising road upgrades at this location in the future.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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