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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 4316-25 and 4345-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 9 December 2025 requesting the permanent reduction of the speed limit on Hooker Boulevard from 70 kilometres per hour (km/h) to 60 km/h due to safety concerns.

In response to concerns raised by petitioners, and the strong advocacy of the Member for Mermaid Beach, regarding the current speed limit on Nerang–Broadbeach Road and Hooker Boulevard, the Department of Transport and Main Roads will be lowering the speed limit—near Dunlops Canal—from 70 km/h to 60 km/h. This change is expected to take effect in early 2026.

My department reviews speed limits on state-controlled roads through conducting Speed Limit Reviews (SLRs) to ensure that road speed limits remain appropriate. SLRs are a mandatory prerequisite before any changes to speed limits can be implemented and are conducted in accordance with Queensland Government guidelines. As a professional engineering process, SLRs must be carried out by suitably qualified and competent engineers. The review examines road segments individually to ensure accurate assessment of factors, such as local topography, road function, crash history, adjacent land use, traffic volumes, and potential risks to road users. Community feedback is also an important part of this process.

The findings of an SLR must be supported by documented justification and are submitted to the local Speed Management Committee (SMC) for approval. The SMC includes local government engineering representatives; Queensland Police Service; and engineering and road safety specialists from my department. This rigorous process ensures all road users' interests are considered and speed zones across Queensland remain consistent and credible.

I am also pleased to confirm that Nerang–Broadbeach Road is included in planning for additional road upgrades and public transport services under the *2032 Delivery Plan*. Once necessary infrastructure upgrades are planned and delivered, a broader analysis can be undertaken to ensure that speed and other restrictions are aligned with the requisite road conditions.

I acknowledge the work of the Member for Mermaid Beach in relation to these issues, and the broader matters regarding road safety in his electorate.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Transport and Main Roads