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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 4330-25 and 4443-26, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 3 March 2026 about a pedestrian crossing to improve safety at Maryborough Special School.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to ensuring the safety of all road users, particularly vulnerable groups such as school children. I understand the importance of addressing road safety concerns near schools and the need to provide safe and accessible transport infrastructure, especially after a decade of decline under the former Labor Government where transport infrastructure was neglected.

It is important to note that decisions regarding the construction or improvement of any road infrastructure surrounding Maryborough Special School fall under the responsibility of the local road authority, Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC). FCRC is best placed to assess local conditions, consider community feedback, and determine the most appropriate safety measures for the area.

However, I can advise that on 16 March 2026, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) convened a Safe School Travel (SafeST) meeting at Maryborough Special School. Meeting attendees included Mr John Barounis MP, Member for Maryborough; the Maryborough Special School Principal; and representatives from TMR, FCRC and the Department of Education (DoE).

The SafeST meeting considered the internal infrastructure improvements currently being delivered by DoE. I am further advised attendees agreed that the matters raised in the petitions should be revisited once these upgrades are completed, allowing sufficient time for the resulting change to pedestrian movements and school-community travel patterns to be properly assessed.

I thank the Member for Maryborough for his hard work in advocating for upgrades around local schools in his electorate.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Transport and Main Roads