



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3560-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 September 2021 about repairing and maintenance of parking and traffic signage.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) prioritises the replacement of traffic and parking signs on the state-controlled road network among other competing safety-related maintenance demands. While the reflective coating of signs diminishes over time, this does not automatically trigger a replacement if a sign remains otherwise serviceable.

As part of routine operations, TMR's North Coast Region has an annual funding allocation to install new road signage to address new and emerging issues, and replace or upgrade signs at the end of their useful life. Due to the large number of traffic signs on the network and the need to prioritise limited funding, TMR cannot implement a mass program to inspect all traffic signs on state-controlled roads and rectify all deficiencies found.

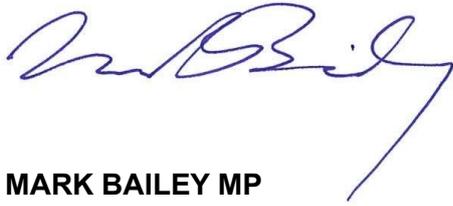
Management and control of parking on the state-controlled road network is a responsibility covered under a memorandum of understanding for cost-sharing arrangements between TMR and local governments. Typically, 'parking permitted' signs are a responsibility of local government, while 'parking prohibited' signs are the responsibility of TMR. For this reason, not all parking control devices and signs on the state-controlled road network are the responsibility of TMR to install and maintain.

In relation to the 'No Standing' signs on Steve Irwin Way, Beerwah, outside Australia Zoo, I can advise that these parking restrictions were deployed to prevent overflow parking from the zoo from spilling out onto the road. The night-time reflectivity or need to illuminate these signs is not important to their function, as there is no demand for a motorist to park at this location outside of the zoo's normal daytime operating hours.

Petitioners will be pleased to note that TMR is undertaking a safety improvement project at this location, with construction scheduled for November 2021, weather and construction scheduling permitting. As part of the construction work, the existing yellow 'no stopping' line and the 'No Standing' signs will be removed to accommodate road widening. TMR will consider the need to reinstate either the yellow edge line or signs as part of the completed project. Further information about the project is available online at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/glasshouse-mountains-road-steve-irwin-way-beerwah-to-landsborough-improve-safety.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
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