



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition, number 2806-17, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, Member for Mulgrave on 10 August 2017, about reducing the speed limit on the Gillies Range Road between Appaloosa Street and Little Mulgrave Street from 100 km/h to 60 km/h.

I am pleased to advise that in direct response to an earlier petition (2769-17) and community concerns, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) undertook a speed limit review on this section of the road which was completed in July 2017. The review took into account factors such as the roadside environment, road alignment, visibility for motorists, road width and traffic volumes and recommended a reduction in the speed limit of 100 km/h to 80 km/h. This new speed limit will be implemented as soon as possible, once the new signage is manufactured.

I note the petitioners' request for the speed limit to be lowered to 60 km/h. To encourage consistency and safe driver behaviour, speed limits on the state-controlled road network are set in accordance with national standards. Based on the information currently available, the review found no technical justification for a speed limit lower than 80 km/h.

I can however advise that in addition to the speed limit review, TMR is also looking at other possible treatments along this section, such as additional signage or pavement marking, to further improve safety for road users entering and exiting the Mountain View Hotel.

Safety is the top priority of the Palaszczuk Government and TMR routinely undertake inspections and works on all state-controlled roads to ensure motorists' safety. These speed limit reviews are part of that continued commitment to safety and I would welcome any input from the local community that would help achieve this.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Miles." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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