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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4055-24 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Berkman MP, Member for Maiwar on 20 August 2024 about pedestrian safety on the Kelvin Grove Road corridor.

Firstly, I was very saddened to learn about the tragic event that saw Queensland University of Technology student Arjun Srinivas lose his life while crossing Kelvin Grove Road. I would like to reiterate that my deepest sympathies go out to the families and friends of those who have lost their lives or who have been injured on our roads. Any crash that results in the death or serious injury of a person is a tragedy that has a significant impact on families, friends and the entire community.

I understand the petitioners' key concern is about lowering the speed limit on Kelvin Grove Road and Musk Avenue however, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has advised that Brisbane City Council (BCC) is the road owner and is best placed to comment on the suitability of the speed limit at this location. I have asked for a copy of the petition to be sent to BCC.

TMR regularly monitors and undertakes Speed Limit Reviews (SLRs) of its state-controlled roads, including reviews of dangerous intersections and road corridors in similar residential and high-use pedestrian areas. When a SLR is undertaken, recommendations are presented to the Speed Management Committee for endorsement, which includes local representatives from the Queensland Police Service (QPS), the relevant council, as well as TMR.

In regard to pedestrian safety, TMR's *Action Plan for Walking 2022–24* outlines a number of initiatives that were drafted in consultation with local government. The Action Plan seeks to build connected, comfortable and safe walking environments for all to make roads and precincts safer. TMR is investing \$14 million over two years to prioritise safety for vulnerable road users, including people walking, through the Targeted Road Safety Program, and works with local governments to investigate and implement speed limit reductions in areas with high levels of walking and bike riding activity.

To further help safeguard pedestrians, TMR works in collaboration with QPS and the Queensland Revenue Office to administer the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP) which oversees site selection, deployment and infringement issuing and installation of speed cameras on Queensland roads. Together with researchers, TMR ensures the CDOP operates in line with best practice and to prevent as many deaths and injuries on the road as possible.

In regard to the petitioners' call for the investigation into strict liability laws, it is noted that most traffic offences in Queensland already carry strict liability under criminal law to underscore the importance of road safety. Discussions regarding alterations to civil liability law are under the purview of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, which oversees civil liability legislation.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bart Mellish', with a stylized, flowing script.

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