

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 3098-19 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 May 2019 about the speed limit and upgrades on Proserpine–Shute Harbour Road, Cannonvale.

I am pleased to advise that recent works as referred to in the petition, funded under the Safer Roads Sooner program, have been implemented on Proserpine–Shute Harbour Road to improve safety in the area. No further feedback has been received from the community since the works were completed on 26 April 2019.

I can advise that planning and design works for a median-divided, four-lane road on Proserpine–Shute Harbour Road, between Valley Drive and Barnes Place, are progressing. Intersection upgrades will be considered as part of this planning and design work.

The request for a reduction in speed limit will be considered at the next Whitsunday Regional Council Traffic Advisory Committee (WRCTAC) meeting. WRCTAC comprises of representatives from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), Whitsunday Regional Council, the Queensland Police Service and a road safety advisor.

In determining speed limits for any section of road, there are many considerations such as:

- the road function and environment
- traffic volumes and prevailing traffic speeds
- roadside development and activities, including pedestrians and cyclists
- road characteristics including alignment and lane width, frequency of access and parking considerations, junction and intersection and adjoining road sections
- crash history.

The next meeting has not yet been scheduled, however TMR will ensure this matter is tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

I trust this response is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads