



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports  
Minister for Energy and Water Supply

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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2394-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Dale Last MP, Member for Burdekin, about safety concerns of the community in relation to Stuart Drive, Townsville.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that it is aware of the issues raised by Mr Last on behalf of concerned local residents.

TMR is currently undertaking a planning project which is considering the overall upgrade and duplication of a 2.2km section of Stuart Drive, between University Road and Viles Street, to improve safety and capacity.

The signalisation of the Mervyn Crossman Drive/Fairfield Waters Drive intersection, as well as the upgrade of the pedestrian and cycling facilities on Stuart Drive, will be considered as part of this planning.

Once that planning is complete, commencement of the project will be competing with many other worthwhile projects across the state for funding.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and  
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