

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

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2435-15 and 2490-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House on 27 October 2015 about a request to relocate speed limit signage and restrict overtaking on the D'Aguilar Highway between Neurum Road and Mary Street, Woodford.

## Requested change to speed limit

With regards to the request to relocate the westbound 100km/h speed limit sign to west of the Mary Street intersection, I can advise that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) conducted a speed limit review on this section of the D'Aguilar Highway in recent years and found that the current 100km/h speed limit was appropriate. However, in response to community concerns, I have asked TMR to undertake a further speed limit review of this section of the road. As part of the review, TMR will also include the section from the Neurum Road intersection to immediately west of the Canando Street intersection.

Speed limits throughout Queensland are set in accordance with Queensland Government guidelines. Speed limit reviews are submitted to the local Speed Management Committee for endorsement before speed limits can be changed. The committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, local government and TMR. When determining speed limits for any section of road, there are many considerations including crash history, traffic volumes and prevailing speeds, road function, environment and other characteristics. Please be assured that these factors will be taken into account during the speed limit review on this section of the D'Aguilar Highway.

## **Overtaking lanes**

I am advised that TMR has previously investigated the request to restrict overtaking on the D'Aguilar Highway between Neurum Road and Mary Street and found this section meets the overtaking guidelines. There are limited overtaking opportunities along the highway due to the geography of the area and prohibits overtaking where forward sight distance is restricted.

The section of road between Neurum Road and Mary Street is straight or gently curving which allows for good sight distance of oncoming vehicles. I am therefore advised that TMR does not support prohibiting overtaking at this location.

I will write to you again in the coming months once the findings of the speed management committee are known.

Yours sincerely

**MARK BAILEY MP** 

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