



Minister for Transport and Main Roads
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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 4116-24 and 4157-24, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Darren Zanow MP, Member for Ipswich West on 21 August 2024 about planning to upgrade the Warrego Highway (Ipswich–Toowoomba) and Haigslea-Amberley Road interchange.

I am informed the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is aware of safety concerns at this location and is monitoring the intersection. The Warrego Highway is a vital east-west route linking communities and industry in South East Queensland and Southern Queensland. The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2024–25 to 2027–28* includes commitments on the Warrego Highway (jointly funded with the Australian Government) such as:

- \$277 million Warrego Highway (Ipswich - Toowoomba) and Mount Crosby Road interchange
- \$85 million Warrego Highway (Ipswich - Toowoomba), Bremer River Bridge, strengthening
- \$361.7 million funding commitment for Warrego Highway (for future priorities).

TMR is working to determine future priorities on the Warrego Highway to improve road safety, traffic flow and route resilience. In the meantime, TMR continues to monitor safety performance of this intersection and the Warrego Highway and is undertaking a speed limit review to assess whether a lower speed limit is suitable as an interim safety measure. This speed limit review will be completed in late 2024.

The Miles Government is delivering its ninth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in *QTRIP 2024–25 to 2027–28*, which outlines \$37.4 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 28,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$4.724 billion is committed across TMR's Metropolitan Region, estimated to support an average of 3490 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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