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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4026-24 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Bryson Head MP, Member for Callide on 1 May 2024 about the Calliope State School drop-off area.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is strongly committed to providing a safer road environment around Queensland schools.

In September 2023, TMR completed the upgrade of the Dawson Highway/Drynan Drive intersection in Calliope, improving safety for motorists, bike riders and pedestrians. A key outcome of this project was providing safe crossings for school children and parents, with improved traffic flow through the township.

Road users are now benefiting from these improvements, which included the installation of traffic signals with signalised pedestrian facilities, dedicated turning lanes and bike lanes. The new traffic signals and signalised pedestrian crossings are better supporting those travelling at peak times, especially around school drop-off and pick-up times.

TMR continues to work with the school community to promote road safety. I am advised that TMR has a Safe School Transport (SafeST) investigation scheduled with the Vice Principal of Calliope State School in early June 2024. The SafeST investigation is a holistic, collaborative process, which will proactively assess and identify any potential safety concerns related to school transport and traffic management around the school premises.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bart Mellish".

BART MELLISH MP
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