

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

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2636-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Pat Weir MP, Member for Condamine, on 14 September 2016 about the lack of community consultation and consideration of the impacts to heavy vehicles by the Warrego Highway Upgrade Projects being undertaken through Dalby.

Consultation for these projects started in 2014 and has been ongoing with key stakeholders since that time.

One of the key reasons for these projects is to improve the overall safety for road users travelling along the Warrego Highway, as well as turning onto or off the highway. Traffic volumes have reached a level where traffic signals are required to manage traffic flows. They are the safest way to manage traffic on the highway as well as traffic wishing to cross or enter the highway.

This project will see the installation of three new sets of traffic signals in addition to the existing three sets, all of which are essential to improving safety. These six sets of signals will be coordinated to ensure minimal disruption to the flow of movement along the highway. Any requirement for additional sets of signals will be investigated following completion of construction of these projects.

Yours sincerely

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