



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2223-14, 2242-14 and 2243-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Pucci MP, Member for Logan on 3 April 2014, about the intersections of Mount Lindesay Highway/Wearing Road; Mount Lindesay Highway/St Aldwyn Road and Mount Lindesay Highway/Greenbank Road, North Maclean.

I can assure you that the safety of all road users is a priority of the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Any life lost on Queensland roads is a tragedy. Departmental officers assisted Queensland Police Service with its enquiries relating to the investigation into the recent fatal crash at Wearing Road, North Maclean.

Long term planning for the upgrade of the Mount Lindesay Highway in this area includes service roads on both sides of the highway eliminating direct vehicle access to the Mount Lindesay Highway from the side roads such as Wearing Road, St Aldwyn Road and Greenbank Road.

The department has advised it is aware of current safety concerns for motorists using the local road intersections in this area and the need for early safety improvements. Department of Transport and Main Roads has therefore submitted safety improvement proposals under the state government's 2014-15 Safer Road Sooner program for adding dedicated right turn lanes at St Aldwyn Road and at Wearing Road.

As soon as the program's state-wide priorities are finalised, Mr Pucci MP will be advised on whether these proposals were successful.

With regard to the intersection of Greenbank Road and Mount Lindesay Highway, I am advised that the department completed a \$575,000 upgrade of this intersection in late 2009.

Funded through the state government's Safer Roads Sooner Program and the federal government's Black Spot Funding Program, this upgrade included road widening to provide right-turn and left turn lanes into Greenbank Road from the Mount Lindesay Highway. Lighting at this intersection was also upgraded.

I am pleased to advise that this upgrade resulted in a significant reduction in recorded crashes at this intersection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Emerson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Emerson MP  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**