Minister for **Transport and Main Roads**



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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4252-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 27 June 2025 about the speed limit at the Torbanlea – Pialba Road (known locally as Gympie Street) and Bruce Highway intersection in Torbanlea.

To determine the speed limits on Queensland roads, the Department of Transport and Main Roads uses the *Queensland Road Safety Technical User Volume: Guide to Speed Management* (the Guide). When setting the speed limits, the Guide considers many factors, including crash history, traffic volumes and prevailing speeds, road function, construction standard, and abutting development.

While the concerns raised by petitioners about road safety are acknowledged, a speed limit review undertaken at this location by a Registered Professional Engineer Queensland determined the existing 100 km/h speed limit at this location was appropriate.

With respect to the concerns about the safety of the intersection, the new \$9 billion *Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program* (BHTSP) includes intersection improvements for priority locations between Gympie and Cairns. As part of BHTSP, an early start package is fast-tracking the construction of 16 shovel-ready projects and progressing a design component to build towards the development and delivery of the overall pipeline of works.

The Crisafulli Government will consider safety improvements at the Gympie Street and Bruce Highway intersection, along with other competing priority safety upgrades across the 1400 kilometres of highway that are in scope for the new program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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