



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to my interim response to petition 3398-20 about the Eumundi–Noosa and Grays roads intersection at Doonan, which was tabled on 8 October 2020.

Regarding the request for acceleration and turning lanes at this intersection, I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) completed a preliminary planning study for Eumundi–Noosa Road in late 2019. The study was a strategic review of the function of the road, and included a high-level assessment of traffic capacities, crash data, active and public transport provisions, typical road conditions and flood immunity. The Grays Road intersection was not identified as a high priority for an upgrade. TMR will continue to monitor this intersection as part of routine operations.

TMR also completed a speed limit review on Eumundi–Noosa Road in 2019. The outcome of the review recommended maintaining the existing 80km/h speed limit. When a speed limit review is undertaken, recommendations are presented to a speed management committee (SMC) for endorsement before speed limits can be changed. The committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Noosa Council and TMR. The SMC endorsed the recommendation on 5 December 2019 to maintain the existing 80km/h speed limit.

When assessing speed limits, consideration is given to the road function, prevailing traffic speeds, road environment and crash history. Speed limits must be appropriate to the general environment of the road, otherwise motorists will largely disregard the imposition of an unreasonable limit. Realistic and credible speed limits will be observed by most road users, and can be effective in regulating traffic flow, reducing crashes and maximising safety.

More information about the planning study for Eumundi–Noosa Road can be found on TMR's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au by clicking on (1) 'Projects', (2) 'See all projects' under the 'Investments in Queensland' heading, (3) 'North Coast' and (4) 'Eumundi-Noosa Road planning study'.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey'.

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