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Pedestrian safety and amenity in Indooroopilly

Dear Lord Mayor,

I am writing to lend my support to local residents pushing for pedestrian safety upgrades in Indooroopilly. I understand that local resident [REDACTED] is in touch with Cr James Mackay about the same issue.

Indooroopilly is cut through by three major roads: Moggill Rd, Station Rd and Coonan St, and local residents often face difficulty navigating these corridors. The traffic generated by the current heavy dependence on private vehicle transport also makes the surrounding streets hazardous, especially for children walking to school.

Finney Street area

One example of this issue is the area around Finney Street. [REDACTED] has been in touch with my office and I wanted to lend my support to his requests which I understand are based on the experience of a large number of local residents.

Please consider allocating funding to:

- **Properly maintain the intersection of Finney Rd and Woodville St.** This could include fixing the existing stop sign and refreshing the heavily worn stop line or installing a zebra or wombat pedestrian crossing on Finney Rd near the intersection. A pedestrian crossing would not interfere with the existing right of way, and would help to ensure the road rules are observed.
- **Provide a safe pedestrian crossing solution across the western end of Finney Road at the corner with Usher St.** This crossing would allow access for school children towards travelling to and from Moggill Rd and Indooroopilly State School. There are existing kerb ramps at this point, and there are existing road markings to warn vehicles to slow down on the Usher St side, so a crossing would not require significant investment.
- **Instal play equipment in Rankin Street Park.** There is limited space available in the existing park footprint, but adding facilities like play equipment would help to activate and encourage pedestrian activity on these local streets. I would obviously support detailed community consultation before any changes occur in this valuable local green space, but I understand commitments were made by Cr Simmonds to replace play equipment that was removed recently.

Station Road

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A longer-term issue which I encourage you to pursue is better realising the vision for Station Road which is laid out in the [Indooroopilly Neighbourhood Plan](#) for a pedestrian-friendly streetscape.

As you will be aware, the overall outcomes in the Neighbourhood Plan are:

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(g) Development in the High Street sub-precinct (Indooroopilly centre neighbourhood plan/NPP-001a):

(i) ensures that Station Road and Lambert Road develop as western Brisbane's premier retail, entertainment and outdoor dining destination and complement the Indooroopilly Shopping Centre. It capitalises on its role as a primary pedestrian connection between the rail station and bus interchange and the high pedestrian volumes using the street;

(ii) establishes a comfortable, safe and convenient east-west pedestrian linkage between the Indooroopilly Shopping Centre, the rail station and Lambert Road through footway widening and streetscape improvements;

(iii) adjoining the sub-precinct promotes the economic revitalisation of businesses located along Station Road and Lambert Road through the creation of a vibrant and active streetscape;

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At present, Station Road is still dominated by private vehicles, and pedestrian amenity is limited. Some improvements have taken place since the Neighbourhood Plan was established, but traffic lights are still major bottlenecks for pedestrians.

Some significant improvements which Council could implement immediately are:

- **Fix the traffic lights cycle and pedestrian crossing button settings on Station Rd.** At present, my understanding is that pedestrians must always hit the button at the traffic light crossings, even when there is no traffic. This means that arriving at the intersection just a few seconds too late incurs a long wait time.
- **Fix the hostile timing of the traffic lights at the Finney/Musgrave/Station Roads slip road crossing.**
- **Lower the speed limit on Station Road to 40km/hr.** The Greens have advocated strongly for lower speed limits in busy pedestrian areas and local shopping strips for many years. I would strongly support Council implementing a 40km/hr zone on Station Rd between Coonan St and Indooroopilly. I would also support expanding that zone to surrounding streets. The *Move Safe Brisbane - Pedestrian Safety Review* section of [Council's website notes](#) that an investigation of this proposal will be concluded by early 2019.

In the long term, I believe both the State government and Council should be setting ambitious, transformative targets to increase the mode share of both public and active transport. Prioritising pedestrians, cyclists and public transport over private vehicles, especially in busy hubs like Station Rd is a vital first step.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 07 3737 4100 if you would like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Kind regards,



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