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Councillor for the Walter Taylor Ward
Cr James Mackay
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Cr Adrian Schrunner
Lord Mayor of Brisbane
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Request for a meeting to discuss traffic congestion in the Lambert Rd precinct

Dear Cr Mackay,

I am writing to you about an issue that impacts our constituents, and is affected by decisions of both Council and State Government.

As you're no doubt aware, the traffic issues around the Lambert Rd precinct in Indooroopilly are a long-standing concern for local residents. The pressure added around school drop off and pick up times is enormous in this part of the neighbourhood. The precinct currently hosts more than 5,000 students at Indooroopilly State High (ISHS), St Peter Lutheran College (St Peters), Brigidine College and Holy Family Primary School. Some but not all of those students currently catch public transport, walk or cycle to school, and we don't at this stage have a clear picture of the relevant transport mode share at all of the schools.

The State Government's recent proposal to build a new primary school on the grounds of Indooroopilly State High School has highlighted the extent of residents' concerns about the traffic issues, and the negative impact it's having on their lives and ability to move around their neighbourhood. While we're still waiting to hear from the Department of Education about the next steps on determining the final location, I believe these concerns need to be addressed as a priority, irrespective of whether an additional primary school is built in the precinct.

While most traffic matters are the responsibility of Brisbane City Council, I believe the added pressure generated by schools in the area creates an avenue for state based advocacy to address this problem. I'd like to request that we meet to discuss some proposals, and how we might work together to progress them.

By way of background, after consulting widely with residents alongside the Education Department's consultation process for the new school, I propose a number of measures that could assist in resolving

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the problems in this area. Generally, I believe the ultimate objective is to move as many families as possible away from using their cars, by making public and active transport in the area as attractive as possible.

Specific improvements to traffic, public transport and active transport could include:

- State government funding for Translink to create more school bus services, targeting high school students and including better dedicated school bus services for Indooroopilly, Fig Tree Pocket, Chapel Hill and other local suburbs;
- Expediting Council's Indooroopilly bikeway stages 3 and 4 on Lambert Rd (linking Witton Barracks to the Esplanade bikeway in St Lucia);
- Expanding the 40km school zone or creating some permanent 40km areas in the Lambert Rd / Central Ave / Indooroopilly Rd precinct;
- Safe pedestrian crossings along Lambert Rd (Clarence Rd, Central Ave, Fairley St and Carnarvon Rd);
- Pedestrianising the end of Lambert Rd between Indooroopilly Station and Clarence Rd (based on Council's long-standing Witton Barracks Master Plan);
- Creating a permanent Active School Travel program at every school in the precinct to help students and families shift away from private vehicles, funded by Council, the State government and the non-government schools; and
- An Integrated Traffic Management Plan for all schools in the precinct, including mode share targets for all schools in the precinct. This is something I've argued for before as part of the St Peters Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process.

I would love to discuss these proposals and how we can work together to see some or all of them realised, regardless of whether a new primary school is added into the precinct. The staff in my office would be pleased to find a mutually agreeable time, at your earliest convenience. To arrange this, or to discuss anything else, please contact my office on 07 3737 4100.

Kind regards,



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