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Hon Mark Bailey MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
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CC: Peter Matic, Councillor for Paddington: peter.matic@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Urgent: Safety upgrade needed at dangerous roundabout in Bardon

Dear Minister Bailey,

I am writing to in relation to a particular area of safety concern in my electorate. I have previously raised this matter on behalf of another constituent, but following a serious crash at this intersection a couple of weeks ago I feel as though I must again draw this matter to your urgent attention.

The area concerned is the roundabout that connects Boundary Road, Rouen Road and Rainworth Road. I understand that, given this is a State controlled road forming part of the regional road network, some issues such as crossings and signage may overlap State and local government jurisdiction. Accordingly, I am sending this to both you and Paddington Ward Councillor Peter Matic to request assistance addressing the concerns outlined below, in the hope that this matter may be resolved.

As you know, residents are concerned about community safety at this roundabout, and I understand an assessment was conducted last year. I do appreciate the measures the department has already taken, which you outlined in your correspondence to me in December 2018, but I genuinely fear for pedestrian safety around this intersection if more is not done.

Residents tell me that cars are still speeding through the roundabout, either ignoring or unaware of the pedestrian crossing as they leave the roundabout northbound on Boundary Rd. This is of particular concern given the number of school children walking to nearby Rainworth State School. I have heard from numerous residents who have witnessed or experienced near misses at the location, and only a fortnight ago there was a serious motor accident at this location.

The incident occurred as a result of one car stopping for a pedestrian and the driver of the car behind, who was not familiar with the roundabout and not realising the crossing was there, running into the stopped car. The second car was badly damaged to the point that the driver could not initially exit the car easily, and the situation was very distressing for all involved.

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The fire, police and ambulance services were called and attended the scene. The driver of the first car complained of a sore back and the second driver was very distressed as a result of the accident. Both were attended to by the Ambulance service. The second car had to be towed.

I request that your department immediately investigate and resolve the safety issues posed by the roundabout at Boundary, Rouen Road and Rainworth Roads, such as flashing lights combined with clearer signage indicating the pedestrian crossing.

I would also appreciate being updated of any existing plans to upgrade roads or improve signage in this area, or to undertake other traffic management strategies to accommodate this growing residential community in Bardon.

If you would like to discuss the matter further, please contact my office on (07) 3737 4100. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Michael Berkman MP

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