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Hon Mark Bailey MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Via email: transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Urgent Safety upgrades required: Boundary Rd/Rainworth Rd Roundabout in Bardon

Dear Minister Bailey,

I am writing to follow up on my letter dated 10 December 2019 about MetRoad 5 and about the need for urgent safety upgrades at the Boundary Rd/Rainworth Rd Roundabout in Bardon (**the Roundabout**).

As I noted in that letter, my staff and I met with officials from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) at my office 14 November 2019.

At the meeting we discussed several issues of concern in relation to MetRoad 5, including the Roundabout. The key issues we emphasised to the officers were:

- The high speed of cars exiting the roundabout into Boundary Rd to the north
- The increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic as a result of trips generated by local business and Rainworth state school, as well as the newly approved childcare centre at 15 Runic St, facing the roundabout.
- My support for a 40km/h zone at the roundabout and surrounds
- My support for efforts to improve pedestrian safety — including the planned installation of red pavement markings and the local community proposal for flashing lights or a wombat crossing at the existing pedestrian crossing.

As I mentioned in my letter of 10 December 2019, In our previous correspondence on this matter, you had committed in your letter of 3 December 2018 that red pavement markings would be installed at the crossing by June 2019, to coincide with road resurfacing work. Unfortunately that did not occur, and in September 2019 there was rear-end accident at the pedestrian crossing, which I described in my letter to you on 1 October 2019.

The agreed actions on this point were:

- TMR will consider initiating a **speed limit review for the area surrounding the roundabout**. As noted above, I would support a 40km/hr speed limit. As noted below, this speed limit review could be expanded to cover a longer stretch of MetRoad 5 including Macgregor Tce.
- TMR will follow up on the promised pavement marking and on other possible pedestrian safety improvements including flashing lights or a raised wombat crossing.

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- TMR will be trimming some vegetation to improve the visibility of the existing pedestrian crossing north of the roundabout.

The latest update from the local community is this:

- Construction of the new childcare centre has started, bringing extra trucks and other vehicles to the area.
- The school term has commenced, meaning that hundreds of students from prep to year 6 are regularly using the pedestrian crossing.

I have not heard from you or TMR about any of the issues raised in my letter. **We consider that the above safety upgrades are now urgent, and I urge you to act as soon as possible.**

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

Kind regards,



Michael Berkman MP