



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 12769

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2260-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Jackie Trad MP, Member for South Brisbane on 5 August 2014 about installing a school zone on Annerley Road at Dutton Park State School.

There is currently no school zone installed in Annerley Road for Dutton Park State School. The decision to install a school zone on a road is the responsibility of the road authority. As Annerley Road is a local government road, the decision to install a school zone falls under the jurisdiction of Brisbane City Council.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads cannot direct Brisbane City Council to install a school zone on this road. However, should council decide to install a school zone on Annerley Road, then council would also be required to install flashing school zone signs, as Annerley Road is a multi-lane road. Under the School Zone Guidelines, which are a referenced document of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) – Part 4, Speed Controls, if council install a school zone, the flashing school zone signs must be installed to ensure the school zone is compliant with the Guidelines.

While not being able to install a school zone on Annerley Road, the Queensland Government does have a \$10 million program to install flashing school zone signs at over 300 risk assessed existing school zones over a period of four years. These existing school zones are selected based on a detailed risk analysis of all existing school zones in Queensland and nominations by schools and communities based on local knowledge of particular problem areas through their local Members of Parliament. Priority has been given to existing school zones with a significant crash history, a high level of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, higher speed limits or visibility problems.

In addition, the Queensland Government has also completed an installation program that has installed flashing school zone signs at all split campus schools and at all existing school zones located on multi-lane roads.

Existing school zones in the South Brisbane electorate which have already benefited from these programs include Oaklands Parade at Anglican Church Grammar School, Gladstone Road at St Ita's Regional Primary School and Hardgrave Road at West End State School.

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I assure the member for South Brisbane that all schools in the South Brisbane electorate will be considered during future phases of the program. Further announcements will be made as the department continues to implement the program.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Emerson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Emerson MP
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