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Department of
Transport and Main Roads

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Mr John Mason
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Dear Mr Mason

I refer to your email of 4 March 2024 to the Honourable Bart Mellish MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services, about the Nambour Connection Road and Wappa Falls Road intersection at Yandina. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

I note your reference to the development application for the Wappa Falls Road residential development (identified as MCU20/0072), which was referred to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) within the Department of State Development and Infrastructure. SARA is the Queensland Government agency responsible for determining conditions of approval required by the State. SARA sent the application to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to assess the safety and efficiency impact of this development on the Nambour Connection Road and Wappa Falls Road intersection.

TMR's technical review concluded that the existing intersection, which includes left and right-turn treatments on Nambour Connection Road into Wappa Falls Road, was suitable for the anticipated traffic generated by the development. As such, there were no further upgrade works to the intersection required as a result of the State's assessment.

Similarly, other smaller developments in the area that add to the background growth in traffic volumes over time, have not been of a scale that reasonably impacts on this intersection such that any specific upgrades could be reasonably conditioned on any one individual developer.

In addition, there is currently no funding allocated in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27* for an upgrade of the Nambour Connection Road and Wappa Falls Road intersection.

Due to the high number of upgrades across the State currently competing for limited funding, TMR must prioritise upgrades so that funding goes to those locations with the greatest safety and capacity needs. This intersection is not currently a high priority for an upgrade based on a review of the crash history, which is low, however, TMR will continue to monitor this part of the network as part of ongoing operations.

With regard to the intersection of Creightons Road and Wappa Falls Road, this intersection is very close to the Wappa Falls Road and Nambour Connection Road intersection and presents potential safety issues because of this proximity. Closing Creightons Road and constructing the proposed new roundabout 200 metres to the west will improve safety for all road users and TMR is supportive of this condition via SARA.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann-Maree Knox', written in a cursive style.

Ann-Maree Knox
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