




Speech By
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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (2.25 pm): I rise to speak about some concerns that have been expressed to me by residents while I have been out and about in my electorate. In February I wrote to the Minister for Main Roads about concerns that many residents expressed to me about the intersection of Maudsland Road, Gaven Arterial Road and Riverstone Crossing Road. On 12 March I received a response from the Minister for Main Roads. That response states—

Traffic engineers from the Department of Transport and Main Roads have investigated the pedestrian facilities at this intersection and it was noted that only the western leg of the intersection currently has pedestrian signals.

It states further—

However, due to the extremely low number of pedestrians that use the existing pedestrian signals, the intersection does not meet the department's guidelines for the installation of additional pedestrian signals at this time.

The minister fails to understand that those pedestrian signals relate to Riverstone Crossing Road. I was seeking from the minister pedestrian crossing signals across Maudsland Road, which is a major arterial in my electorate. Maudsland Road services residential estates the length and breadth of my electorate. The existing pedestrian signals allow residents to walk up to the Riverstone Crossing Road intersection, push the button, walk across the road and walk back down Riverstone Crossing Road. I know why nobody uses that pedestrian crossing. It is pointless having it located there. The residents of my electorate have asked for pedestrian signals to be installed to allow them to cross Maudsland Road—which, as I said, is a very busy road in my electorate—so they can go to the shops, which are only a short distance away.

Further, a walking path along Riverstone Crossing Road goes all the way up to the roundabout, which is only about 50 metres away from the intersection. Residents walk along the grass verge to the intersection, then take a dangerous trek across Maudsland Road. They make a quick dash. I have seen people trying to walk a dog across that busy main road. That borders on being ludicrous.

I ask that the minister take this issue seriously. It is not an expensive project. All I am asking is for a pedestrian crossing across Maudsland Road and funding to build a pathway down to the shops so that people can be safe while going to and from their shopping district.