




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 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development) (7.02 pm): I rise tonight to acknowledge and celebrate a win for Waterford. Most importantly, I thank everyone in our community who came together to help fight for change. As a result of taking community action, I am pleased to say that the Kingston and Loganlea roads intersection is getting a much needed upgrade to make it safer for drivers and safer for pedestrians. I brought this issue to the attention of the Minister for Main Roads and was overwhelmed to learn that temporary cameras set up last year to monitor driver behaviour picked up more than 200 red light runners in a single 24-hour period. This makes it one of the worst spots in Logan. In response, the community came together and I was able to present to my colleague the Minister for Main Roads over 200 petition signatures calling for more to be done to improve the safety of the intersection. Thankfully the minister listened and has delivered.

Upgrades are currently underway to roll out the new Hold the Red technology which will make the intersection safer and reduce the chances of a collision. Hold the Red uses video technology to hold red lights at intersections for a longer period of time to prevent any potential collision with a vehicle that runs a red light. The intersection will also have smart pedestrian crossings installed which will adapt the pedestrian signal walk time, depending on walking speed, meaning drivers will spend less time stopped at the lights if no-one is crossing.

With more families moving to Logan, we need to make sure that our roads are safe. The upgrade is also about preparing for Logan's growth. Along with the intersection upgrades, we have secured \$800,000 to invest in a business case so we can undertake planning to widen the increasingly busy Albert Street Bridge.

To each and every one of the 200 residents who signed our petition I say thank you. To the residents that called my office or visited me at a mobile office, this win is for you. Our fight to make Waterford even safer is not yet over. I am now calling on residents in Slacks Creek to join the campaign to make the intersection of Nujooloo and Loganlea roads safe. It is another notorious intersection in need of additional safety upgrades.

Making our community safer does not just end with road safety. I would like to end tonight by giving special thanks to Lissa Duncan, Wendy Hoppe and Annette and Bob Cleary for going above and beyond to work with me and our local police to tackle some local crime issues. Bethania is now an even safer place to live, thanks to this very special group of residents. Working together we can create a safer Waterford.