

Question on Notice

No. 322

Asked on 22 March 2005

MR LIVINGSTONE asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) -

QUESTION:

With reference to his recent announcement of proposed traffic lights at the intersection of Pine Mountain Road and Waterworks Road, North Ipswich –

Will he advise the scope of the project and expected benefits of the project for my constituents in Ipswich West?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ipswich West for the question.

The Department of Main Roads is currently designing a set of traffic lights for the intersection of Pine Mountain Road and Waterworks Road, North Ipswich. This \$300,000 project is being funded under the Safer Roads Sooner Program.

The intersection has a history of crashes, including vehicles travelling through on Pine Mountain Road colliding with vehicles turning right out of Pine Mountain Road.

The scope of works for this project includes:

- Installation of traffic lights at the intersection
- Extension of the left turn lane on Waterworks Road approach
- Extension of the right turn lane on Pine Mountain Road
- Installation of pedestrian crossing facilities including audio tactile push buttons
- Construction of footpaths to suit the signalised pedestrian crossings.

The project will improve intersection safety by controlling vehicle movements and providing equal opportunities for all vehicles entering the intersection. It is also expected that the traffic signals will reduce delays for the vehicles entering Pine Mountain Road from Waterworks Road.

The upgrading of this intersection will provide significant benefits to road users in the Ipswich West area, both in terms of reducing delays to motorists and also improving safety for both pedestrians and motorists.