

Question on Notice

No. 901

Asked on 7 June 2007

MR MOORHEAD asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) –

QUESTION:

Will he inform the House of proposals to improve transport safety at the Waterford State School?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Waterford for the question.

I understand a meeting took place on 28 February 2007, which you attended together with the Principal of the Waterford State School and representatives from the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association. Also present at this meeting were representatives from Queensland Transport, Gold Coast City Council and the Department of Main Roads.

At the meeting, Main Roads, Queensland Transport and Gold Coast City Council agreed to program works under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, which is jointly funded by Main Roads and the local government, in this case Gold Coast City Council.

The current 2007-2008 Roads Implementation Program therefore includes an allocation of \$200,000 to construct new bus and car set down and pick up facilities in Pimpama Street to improve transport safety at the Waterford State School.

Gold Coast City Council will be commencing design of the new facilities within the next few months and will closely liaise with Queensland Transport, Main Roads, the school and the P& C representatives prior to finalising the preferred option.

Construction is expected to start in the 2007-08 financial year.

Once these improvements are complete, buses will no longer have to stop on busy Waterford – Tamborine Road, locally known as Nerang Street, which should significantly improve safety for school traffic.

Thank you for your proactive approach to working with the school community and my departments on this important issue.