

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 419**

**Asked on 13 March 2008**

MR LINGARD asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the road to the north of Beaudesert between Beaudesert and Tullamore Way which has seen three fatalities and another serious accident in the last three years - will the Minister have the Main Roads Department investigate ways of improving safety on this road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Beaudesert for the question.

I can confirm that Main Roads has recently completed a safety review on the Mt Lindesay Highway between Beaudesert and Greenbank. I am advised that this review identified the potential for safety improvements along some of the sections, including the road to the north of Beaudesert and Tullamore Way.

As you know, the Bligh government has recently announced a record Safer Roads Sooner Program of \$54 million worth of vital road projects targeting Queensland's road toll at locations which have a serious crash history, or the potential to present safety concerns to motorists.

As part of this program, \$450,000 has been allocated to upgrade the intersection at Tullamore Way and Mt Lindesay Highway. At this stage, work is programmed to commence in the 2009-2010 financial year, and involves widening the intersection and new line marking to provide a protected right-turn lane.

Once these improvements are complete, traffic safety and traffic flow will be greatly improved by the separation of traffic turning right into Tullamore Way from through traffic.

I can also advise that Main Roads has almost completed a speed limit review on the Mt Lindesay Highway section between Gould Hill Road and Glen Eagle, focusing on a variety of criteria, such as road function, prevailing measured traffic speeds and crash history. This review should be complete by the end of April and the results will be considered at the next meeting of the Scenic Rim Speed Management Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives from Main Roads, Queensland Transport, Queensland Police and the Scenic Rim Council, formerly Beaudesert Shire Council.

Under our Safer Road Sooner program, the Bligh Government has also committed to improve safety on other sections of the Mt Lindesay Highway including:

- \$225,000 in 2009-10 to extend the turning lane on the southern approach and install traffic islands on approaches at the Mount Lindesay Highway / Greenbank Road intersection.
- \$200,000 in 2009-10 for intersection improvements at Mount Lindesay Highway / Cedar Grove Road / Cedar Vale Road. Works include installing traffic islands on approaches, improving sight lines and improving and modifying priority signs.
- \$50,000 in 2009-10 to commence a \$320,000 project for intersection improvements at Mount Lindesay Highway / Millstream Road. Works include installing traffic signals including an indented right-turn island, installing traffic islands on approaches and banning parking adjacent to the intersection.

Other projects in the Beaudesert electorate which we have allocated funding to include:

- \$400,000 over two years from 2008-09 to improve shoulder sealing, delineation and remove roadside hazards on Boonah–Rathdowney Road.
- \$750,000 for safety improvements on Tamborine Mountain Road, between Eagle Heights Road and Beaudesert–Nerang Road. Works include improving delineation, installing guardrail and advisory signs, improving edge lines and removing roadside hazards.
- \$500,000 for safety improvements on Tamborine–Oxenford Road at Eagle Heights. Works include sealing shoulders, reconfiguring intersections, installing advisory signs and guardrail, and removing roadside hazards.
- \$100,000 to commence a \$500,000 project to seal shoulders, delineation and remove roadside hazards on Beaudesert–Nerang Road.
- \$50,000 to commence a \$350,000 project for improvements at various intersections on Waterford–Tamborine Road. Works include improving advisory signs and sight lines, painting turn lanes and staggering the cross intersection.

I trust the Member for Beaudesert will be pleased to note that half the Safer Roads Sooner funding is spent on roads in rural and regional Queensland.