

Question on Notice

No. 1681

Asked on Thursday, 15 September 2016

MR MADDEN asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister update the House as to how the Department of Main Roads can address and improve the safety of the Haigslea-Amberley Road and Warrego Highway intersection?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ipswich West for the question.

The Warrego Highway (Brisbane to Morven) forms part of the National Land Transport Network (NLTN) for which the Australian Government has primary funding responsibility.

The Warrego Highway Haigslea-Amberley Road intersection has a poor crash record. As such, it has been identified as a future safety priority for upgrading by my department. In September 2015, my department forwarded a funding submission to the federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, to upgrade the Warrego Highway between Blacksoil and Helidon Spa. This submission included three separate packages:

- \$75 million safety package between Blacksoil and Helidon Spa which includes various safety works, including intersection upgrades, access rationalisation, service roads and delineation and barriers. This package highlighted upgrading Haigslea-Amberley Road intersection as a priority, and flagged the potential for either an overpass or interim grade-separated intersection (not an interchange) at this location
- \$10 million for project planning for the future Minden Interchange
- \$10 million for project planning for the future Glenore Grove Interchange.

The Queensland Government is waiting for the Australian Government's assessment outcomes for this submission.

Furthermore, my department recently commenced an investigation into improving safety at the intersection, following a request from the Member for Ipswich West that my department look at reducing the speed limit to 80 km/h at that intersection. The investigation will look at all aspects of the intersection and will include safety, traffic flows and volumes and crash history, and is expected to be completed in early 2017.