

Question on Notice

No. 1762

Asked on Thursday 15 November 2018

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to calls for a slip road to be included on the Brimblecombe Road, at the Warrego Highway intersection, to manage the increased traffic and prevent further accidents—

Will the Minister advise (a) what action has been taken to date to progress the slip road, (b) has a business case been conducted and, if so, what was the outcome and (c) how will the Minister improve safety on this road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for the question.

I am aware of the recent crash that resulted in the tragic death of two people at the intersection of the Warrego Highway and Brimblecombe Road. My thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the deceased and injured.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Downs South West Region will be undertaking a road crash investigation. The outcomes of this investigation and the report from the Queensland Police Service will be used to identify any safety deficiencies and likely treatments.

This section of the highway was recently reviewed as part of a \$2 million planning project—the Toowoomba–Oakey Duplication Stage 3 project—funded from the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program. The planning aims to improve safety, reliability, capacity, transport efficiency and flood immunity.

TMR is investigating options to take this planning through to business case and construction. Any construction funding will need to be determined in line with other priority infrastructure projects across the state-controlled road network.

The Warrego Highway is part of the National Land Transport Network and, as such, the Australian Government has primary responsibility for funding projects on this highway.