

Question on Notice

No. 803

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MR C BOYCE ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to significant parking problems at Calliope State School adjacent to the Dawson Highway that highlights safety issues with parents delivering and collecting children from school—

Will the Minister advise what the government is doing to address these parking problems and safety issues?

ANSWER:

Calliope State School has an established Safe School Travel (SafeST) Committee, which brings together stakeholders from the Department of Education, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Gladstone Regional Council, Queensland Police Service, Calliope State School staff members, and parents.

This committee has been active for the past five years, and during this time the car park, drop-off areas, bus set-down and traffic flows at the front of the school have been redesignated twice.

Further work to re-mark the road to improve traffic flow is being undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads during the July 2018 school holidays.

The committee continues to examine ways to improve the parking and traffic flows at the school, including the use of currently vacant road verges which could provide significant additional parking opposite the school.