

Question on Notice

No. 76

Asked on 11 February 2026

MS M MCMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the community having raised significant safety concerns regarding the interim traffic layout at the intersection of Helensvale Road and the newly opened Coomera Connector on the northern Gold Coast, including frequent sudden lane changes, near misses, aggressive braking and acceleration, and confusion creating an ongoing crash risk—

Will the Minister advise (a) what road safety audits, traffic safety assessments or risk assessments were undertaken before the interim traffic layout went live, (b) on what date(s) were those audits or assessments completed, and what risks to road safety did they identify, (c) if any risks were identified, what measures were recommended to improve safety, and which were implemented prior to opening the intersection, and (d) if the Minister will commit to publicly releasing the relevant audits or assessments to provide transparency to the local community?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

From late October 2025 until late January 2026, interim traffic arrangements were in place on Helensvale Road, Helensvale, near the intersection with Monterey Keys Drive. Traffic arrangements were staged to allow for construction works to be undertaken to prepare Coomera Connector Stage 1 North for its opening to traffic, as well as to support ongoing construction works at the Helensvale Road intersection post-opening.

The interim arrangement included the commissioning of traffic signals at the new Coomera Connector (M9)/Helensvale Road intersection. During this time, two eastbound through-lanes and one westbound through-lane were operating on Helensvale Road, as well as two right-hand turning lanes from Helensvale Road (westbound) onto the new M9.

Road safety audits are typically undertaken for any new traffic arrangement to provide greater assurances that the certified design has considered how all road users may interpret and respond to the changed road configuration within the local environment.

I can advise the Member that, at the time the Member's question was asked, there were no interim traffic arrangements in place at the intersection of Helensvale Road and the Coomera Connector.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is continuing to monitor this intersection to determine whether further adjustments should be made. This includes monitoring and optimising signal phasing across the surrounding intersections to support safe and efficient traffic flow as conditions stabilise following the completion of works.