

23 June 2022

To:

The Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads;  
Bart Mellish MP, Member for Aspley;

Dear Minister Bailey and Mr Mellish,

I am writing today to congratulate the Queensland Government on the adoption of the *Action Plan for Walking 2022–2024*, the *Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2022–2024*, and recent changes to the *Queensland Guide to Traffic Management* which greatly improve the policy emphasis on safety and amenity for pedestrians. I have some questions about how these policies will be implemented in our local area.

Firstly, the recently upgraded intersection of Albany Creek Road and Bangalow Street, Bridgeman Downs, has a number of critical safety issues, including;

- on-road bicycle lanes considerably below the minimum acceptable width,
- roadside steel guardrails which pose a serious injury hazard to cyclists,
- the provision of a left-turn slip lane, contrary to safety policy in *QGTM*.

Will Transport and Main Roads rectify these hazards as soon as possible, and can Mr Mellish keep the community updated on their progress?

Secondly, central Aspley is a high pedestrian traffic area, including by residents of local retirement communities with mobility issues and other disabilities, but the footpaths are narrow and poorly connected. Is Aspley being considered for a precinct transport plan under *Walking Action 1.8*? Will Mr Mellish advocate to TMR for such a plan to be created, and ensure it includes Albany Creek Road at least up to Beckett Road?

Thirdly, *Walking Action 2.2* and *Road Safety Action 4* both call for speed limits to be reduced in areas of high pedestrian activity, to better balance the needs of all road users and improve pedestrian safety and amenity. Central Aspley is currently bisected by two state-controlled roads with speed limits of 70km/h – Albany Creek Road and Gympie Road. Are TMR considering reducing the speed limit on these roads to one more suitable for an urban activity center – say, 50km/h? Would Mr Mellish support and advocate for such a reduction?

I look forward to hearing from you both,

Yours sincerely,

David Dallaston  
Aspley, 23 June 2022  
dfdallaston@gmail.com