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Department of
Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Dallaston

I refer to your letter of 23 June 2022 to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Mr Bart Mellish MP, Member for Aspley, about transport matters in the Aspley and Bridgeman Downs areas.

I note Mr Mellish emailed you on 24 June 2022 and advised that Minister Bailey will provide a response in relation to the technical questions you raised in your letter. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding.

In relation to your safety concerns around the newly installed infrastructure for the Albany Creek Road and Bangalow Street intersection safety improvement project, I can advise the new cycle lanes meet the 1.5 metre requirement as specified by the Austroads standards for roads with a posted speed limit of 70 km/h, and the guardrail and left turn slip lane at Bangalow Street meets the relevant safety standards and has been designed to suit the local site conditions.

The guardrail system has been installed to protect road users from roadside hazards on the verge, such as the steep slope, culvert system and roadside vegetation, and provides adequate clearance to the cycle lane. The guardrail posts next to the cycle lane will be enhanced with rubber caps to further improve bike rider safety.

While it is a recommended consideration of the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Road Safety Policy to remove the left turn slip lanes, the policy allows for an engineering decision to be made based on the circumstances of the specific location. TMR has elected to retain the left turn slip lane from Albany Creek Road westbound onto Bangalow Street southbound due to geometrical constraints of the intersecting roads and the allowable road space to accommodate service vehicles. TMR will continue to monitor the intersection and make changes if needed.

Thank you for providing feedback regarding the adoption of the Queensland Government's *Action Plan for Walking 2022–2024* and *Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2022–2024*. TMR will continue to work with local governments, industry and community stakeholders to develop new actions that build on TMR's previous work through the first *Action Plan for Walking 2019–2021*.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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