

# ***HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

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## **MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2016**

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 7 December 2016.

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Present were: Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Cr Wally Skinner (Councillor), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Kिरrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services – SES), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Ms Sheley Millns (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer – ECTO) and Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES).

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Dr Jenna Devietti (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Works Engineer), Mrs Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Jeff Aitchison – (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service) and Cr Milton (Councillor).

### **2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 5 DECEMBER 2016**

Meeting held on 5 December 2016, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Paul Marbelli

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 5 DECEMBER 2016**

#### **3.1 Mr Rick Quabba raised concerns with regards to the intersection of Gangemi's Road onto Hawkins Creek Road and is requesting extra line marking at the intersection.**

*Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to discuss matter with Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer) and Design to scope possible fix with line marking.*

*To be carried.*

*Mr Robert Giuliano discussed the matter with Council's Designer where it was noted that the original line marking was removed and needs to be put back.*

Mr Robert Giuliano to forward plan supplied by Council's Designer to Council's Works Engineer for action.

Ongoing.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that he has discussed the concern with Council's Designer with line marking to be scheduled. Item to be removed once line marking works have been completed.

Mr Robert Giuliano to follow up.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that linemarking has been scheduled to be completed. Item to be removed once the works have been carried out and completed.

To be carried.

*Mr Robert Giuliano to follow up and report to the next HRSAC meeting.*

To be carried.

**ACTION: Works have been completed.**

**3.2 Mr Stephen Marbelli enquired if there had been any further news on the Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Zone 1) trial to extend current width limits.**

Mr James Stewart advised that he hasn't heard anything further after last speaking with Peter Sheedy of Canegrowers.

Mr James Stewart advised that a local representative from National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is planning to come up to the Hinchinbrook Shire to discuss the matter with Canegrowers.

Mr James Stewart advised that a local representative from National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is still yet to come up to the Hinchinbrook Shire with the date yet to be advised.

To be carried.

Mr James Stewart advised that no dates have been announced for when a NHVR representative will be coming up to the Hinchinbrook Shire.

Mr Stephen Marbelli advised that there will be a NHVR representative coming up next week for a flagging demo. Mr Stephen Marbelli to report back at the next HRSAC meeting outcome from the demo.

Mr Paul Marbelli advised that the feedback received was positive however they are having issues with Queensland Police and also issues with getting the zones changed.

Continue to monitor.

Mr Paul Marbelli advised that he is confident that the Zone 1 will be changed to Zone 2 by September 2016 however the critical roads will not be changed. Currently looking into the travel times.

Canegrowers have been in discussion with a representative, Bern Ashburner, regarding organising a set of rules/guidelines.

Mr Paul Marbelli to bring a copy of rules/guidelines to the next HRSAC meeting.

*Mr Paul Marbelli gave a run down on changes that have been made and rules that remain the same. The zones have been changed. There was a permit system however this has been changed to coastal services or northern notice however any load over 4m still requires a permit. It was confirmed that Main Roads are classed as critical roads.*

**Matter closed**

**3.3 Mr Stephen Marbelli raised concerns regarding trees obstructing the view of haulouts coming out of Morellis Siding onto Abergowrie Road near the Lannercost Substation, and requests that the trees be trimmed back.**

Ms Denise Elrick to inspect site and provide feedback at next meeting.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that the responsible authority of the siding, being Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd, will need to organise the removal of the trees however suggested that the haulouts use an alternative exit route which is available.

Don Oswin to take information back to Wilmar for further discussion.

Mr Don Oswin advised that he investigated the concern and noted that the trees are not within Wilmar's easement and therefore Wilmar will not be carrying out the works.

To be carried over to discuss with Ms Denise Elrick from TMR.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that TMR currently don't have the funds to remove the trees however from her investigations, she believed that the haulouts have alternative route that they could take.

Mr Stephen Marbelli advised that the route the haulouts use depends on where the bins are situated and may not always be able to take the alternative route. Ms Denise Elrick advised she believed that the haulouts should still have sufficient site distance.

Council to contact Transport and Main Roads to enquire the process of getting someone else to remove the trees.

Mr James Stewart advised that his meeting with Peter Sakkas of TMR had to be rescheduled. Mr James Stewart to follow up.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that the meeting has been rescheduled for the end of August 2016. Mr James Stewart to report back at the next HRSAC meeting.

To be carried.

*Mr Steven Marbelli advised that he had spoken to the harvesting contractor who initially raised the concern and the contractor advised he was going to organise for the area to be trimmed.*

**Matter closed.**

### 3.4 Communication between Transport and Main Roads and Hinchinbrook Shire Council and priority listing of jobs.

Mr James Stewart to compile a prioritised list of areas of concern which need attention and forward onto Denise.

List to include:-

- Rows Corner located on Stone River Road;
- Corner of Fairford Road and Abergowrie Road – Water ponding; and
- Abergowrie Road – Drop in the road just past the Ashton Hotel heading towards Ingham and Rail crossing's after re seal.

Ms Denise Elrick to organise a meeting to discuss prioritised list in the New Year.

Mr James Stewart advised that an RMPC meeting is being held on Monday, 8 February 2016, where discussion will be included regarding the priority listing of jobs and the various concerns which have been raised.

James to follow up with Ms Denise Elrick to organise an addition meeting with higher level representatives from TMR.

Mr James Stewart advised that he has a meeting scheduled with Mr Peter Sakkas of TMR to discuss further. Mr James Stewart to report at the next HRSAC meeting outcomes from the meeting.

Mr James Stewart advised that meeting with Peter Sakkas of TMR had to be postponed. To be carried.

Meeting with Peter Sakkas of TMR has been rescheduled for end of August 2016. Rows corner is scheduled to be upgraded. To be carried.

To be carried. Rows Corner works scheduled to commence in October 2016.

*Mr James Stewart advised that he had a meeting with Peter Sakkas on 22 November 2016, and went through a whole register of various concerns involving TMR. Commitment has been made to continue these meetings on a two monthly basis.*

**ACTION:** *Mayor Ramon Jayo and Mr James Stewart to make a submission regarding changing Abergowrie Road from a critical road to a major road.*

### 3.5 Mr Frank Martino enquired why there is no school zones for the Ingham State High School which poses a safety concern with the speed limit being 60km/hr.

To be raised with Ms Denise Elrick at the next HRSAC meeting.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that as Ingham State High School is on a Council controlled road, it will be Council's decision if they want to install school zone.

Mr Frank Martino raised concerns that motorists coming from Cartwright Street heading towards the High School are doing 60km in the 60km zone coming up over the crest at the intersection of Marina Parade / Menzies Street and then manoeuvring out onto the right hand lane around school buses pulling out of the school.

Mr James Stewart to investigate further.

To be carried.

Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate the standard for a school zone at a High School and if they are required.

Dr Jenna Devietti has been in contact with Ms Alison Barlow regarding what is an eligible school for school zones.

Ms Alison Barlow has since emailed Dr Jenna Devietti updated TMR document on speed limits and management and suggested she speak with Dearn Chisholm regarding the enquiry.

**ACTION:** *Mr James Stewart advised that Dr Jenna Devietti confirmed that school zone signage could comply.  
Mr James Stewart and Dr Jenna Devietti to discuss further with the High School.*

**3.6 Ricky Quabba advised that there are dead branches overhanging the road on the straight just before Arnott Creek.**

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

To be carried.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she is currently waiting on TMR's Enviro Department to get back to her.

To be carried.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the concern has been referred to TMR's Environmental Department for further investigation and have indicated to cut the overhanging branches which will be referred to Corridor Management.

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley advised that this concern is currently with TMR Maintenance Department. It has been held up with TMR's Environment Department due to the type of bird species nesting in the area. To be carried.*

**3.7 Mr Paul Marbelli advised that Canegrowers are trying to get approval for a road crossing at Ripple Creek as haulouts are currently traveling a long way on the highway to access the nearest siding. Advised that Wilmar are currently doing up a proposal to send to TMR.**

HRSAC Secretary to write a letter of support for Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd for the installation of a road crossing.

Mr Don Oswin to get a site plan and details and email to HRSAC Secretary prior to sending correspondence.

Correspondence sent to Ms Marissa Wise of TMR on 28 September 2016.

No response to date.

*Proposal has been rejected.*

*Matter closed.*

**3.8 Mr Paul Marbelli advised that the approaches to the Anabranh Bridge are overgrown causing visibility concerns.**

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and email findings to the HRSAC Secretary.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the visibility concerns have been investigated and noted and is now with TMR maintenance.

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the matter is still with TMR's Maintenance Department. Mr Kevin Riseley to reinspect.*

**3.9 HRSAC Secretary, Ms Kirrily Low, advised that Mr Andrew Carr raised concerns with entering and exiting his driveway located on Eddleston Drive, Cordelia. His concern was that motorists are now using Carr Terrace a lot more and speeding off Carr Terrace onto Eddleston Drive and vice versa causing many near misses. It is noted that Carr Terrace is only partly maintained by Council on the Cordelia School Road Side and Eddleston Drive is a State Controlled Road.**

HRSAC Secretary to email Ms Denise Elrick, information on this concern.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

HRSAC Secretary advised that Council is proposing to close Carrs Terrace to mitigate the safety concern, and only open the road during heavy rain events or flooding. Proposal to go out to the public and residents surrounding the road, requesting feedback on the proposal by 4 November 2016.

*Mr James Stewart advised that he and Dr Jenna Devietti had spoken to local resident's onsite. The residents advised that they didn't agree with the proposal for the road to be closed but agreed with looking to change the formation of the road to prevent motorists from entering and exiting over the Carr's access.*

**ACTION:** *Mr James Stewart and Mr John Tantalo to inspect the area.*



- 3.10 Mr John Tantalo emailed in a concern regarding the 100km on Lucinda Road near the intersection of Parravicinis Road. The bend has a recommended speed sign of 50km for the bend a short distance after the 100km sign. The bend is subject of continual complaints of vehicles/trailers drifting wide which has potential of causing a serious side of front on collision. Request consideration that the 100km sign be removed and erected on the northern side of the bend so as to place the bend inside an 80km zone.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate and report back to the next HRSAC meeting.

*Mr Kevin Riseley advised that he had investigated the concern and reported that the current signage is correct as per the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).*

*Matter closed.*

- 3.11 Mr John Tantalo emailed concern with the intersection of Hoffensetz Street and Mona Road which has very limited visibility when entering Mona Road from Hoffensetz Street. Request consideration of placement of a mirror at the intersection.

Mr James Stewart to investigate.

**ACTION:** *Mr James Stewart advised that he carried out an initial inspection of the area and advised that the potential solution would be making it a one way lane.*

*Mr James Stewart to investigate further.*

- 3.12 Mr Don Oswin raised concerns with black construction plastic used as barricade around the new car wash site causing visibility issue when coming out of Haig Street, Ingham.

Mr James Stewart to investigate.

*Barricade has been changed.*

*Matter closed.*

- 3.13 Mr Paul Marbelli advised that an accident occurred on Bosworths Road. It is believed that the cause of the accident was scouring near the causeway on Forrest Beach side.

Mr James Stewart to investigate and look at the possibility of putting bitumen where scouring is occurring.

*Mr James Stewart advised that Council crews have investigated the area of concern and advised that the road is in a reasonable condition however Bosworths Road has been included in Council's Bid Book for consideration in the next budget.*

*Matter closed.*

- 3.14 Mr Rick Butler raised concerns with parents still turning right when coming out from Gilroy onto Neame Street, Ingham.

Mr Geoff Boremann to increase police enforcement on this area.

*Mr Geoff Boremann advised that the afternoon of the last HRSAC meeting, police patrolled the area where two tickets had been issued for the offence and further tickets had been issued since. Continue to monitor.*

*Matter closed.*

- 3.15 Mr Rick Butler raised concerns with the timing and sensors on the traffic lights at the Bruce Highway/Lannercost Street intersection. He advised that currently the vehicles travelling on the highway have the right of way however when no one is travelling from the highway, the sensors on Lannercost Street aren't changing quick enough.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to TMR regarding the matter.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

*Correspondence sent on 14 October 2016. Refer to Item 4 [Outwards Correspondence]. Correspondence received on 10 November 2016; refer to Item 4 [Inwards Correspondence].*

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley to follow up on TMR's response for more information.*

- 3.16 Mr Kevin Riseley advised that works on Cattle and Francis Creek is scheduled to commence construction next year. Concerns were raised regarding notifying the Toobanna residents on the southern side of Trebonne Creek.

Mayor Ramon Jayo to put in writing to Ms Marissa Wise at TMR ensuring TMR will be notifying all residents within the area regarding the works.

*Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that Ms Marissa Wise visited the area and notified the residents of the works being undertaken in the Toobanna area.*

*Matter closed.*

3.17 Ms Alison Barlow enquired on when works on Abbott Street will commence.

To be carried.

*Mr James Stewart advised that the works have been drafted and costs worked out to be presented to Council for approval.*

*Matter closed.*

3.18 Cr Wally Skinner raised concerns with loose stone being brought out onto Stone River road from traffic turning out onto the road.

Mr James Stewart to investigate.

*Mr James Stewart advised that Council is will be carrying out sweeping of the areas of concern and will look into the possibility of sealing. Council to take over concern from HRSAC.*

*Matter closed.*

3.19 Cr Wally Skinner raised visibility concerns when coming out of Pomona Road onto the highway looking north due to the temporary guard rail in place for road works.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley investigated the concern and noted that there were no visibility concerns.*

*Matter closed.*

3.20 Cr Wally Skinner raised drainage concerns with water ponding on Abergowrie Road near Trebonne on Ingham Township side and safety concerns with vehicle's skidding across the water.

Mr Robert Giuliano to look for data on past incidents in this area and investigate drainage.

**ACTION:** *Item to be discussed further. Mr James Stewart to investigate.*

3.21 Mayor Ramon Jayo advised of concerns raised regarding the intersection of Herbert Street and the Bruce Highway. Motorists are finding it difficult seeing south bound traffic when coming out of Halifax Road onto the Highway due to the angle of the intersection. Requesting consideration of installing a merging lane.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to TMR requesting a merging lane at this location.

**ACTION:** *Correspondence sent on 14 October 2016. Refer to item 4 [Outwards Correspondence].  
Correspondence received on 10 November 2016, refer item 4 [Inwards Correspondence].*

*HRSAC to send correspondence to TMR noting that the committee believes that if the road is proposed to be widened, then there wouldn't be a need for a T intersection and a merging lane could possibly be installed.*

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Outward Correspondence**

- Ms Marissa Wise, District Director (Northern) [Transport and Main Roads] – Request for merging lane off the intersection of Halifax Road and Bruce Highway.
- Ms Marissa Wise, District Director (Northern) [Transport and Main Roads] – Request investigation on the current timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of Townsville Road and Lannercost Street.

##### **Incoming Correspondence**

- Mrs Karalee Venturato, Administration Officer [Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce] – Request for HRSAC to review the QRail crossing at Tokalon Road and Wilmar Crossing at the southern end of Orient Road and Blackrock Road.

**ACTION:** *HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to Wilmar and QRail, noting correspondence from the Chamber of Commerce, requesting installation of flashing lights at the rail crossings mentioned.*

- Ms Kylee Petersen, Acting District Director (Northern) [Transport and Main Roads] - Request investigation on the current timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of Townsville Road and Lannercost Street.

*Noted.*

- Ms Kylee Petersen, Acting District Director (Northern) [Transport and Main Roads] - Request for merging lane off the intersection of Halifax Road and Bruce Highway.

*Noted.*

**RESOLUTION:** That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

**Moved by:** Mr Robert Lyon

**Seconded by:** Mr Frank Martino

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 Mr Paul Marbelli advised of concerns raised by a farmer regarding the works being undertaken by TMR near the Cardwell Range. He was concerned that the new works would block off his access adjacent to Jones Road which he hauls cane out of.

Mr Kevin Riseley gave Mr Paul Marbelli, contact details of the TMR officer in charge of the works.

**ACTION:** Mr Paul Marbelli to work with affected farmers and TMR and advise of the outcome at the next HRSAC meeting.

- 5.2 Mr Robert Lyon advised that there is currently an indent in the road from a bucket off machinery located on Abergowrie Road adjacent Mckell's Siding.

**ACTION:** Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate. Mr Robert Giuliano to provide chainages to Mr Kevin Riseley.

- 5.3 Mr Robert Lyon advised that the corner located between property 2833 Abergowrie Road and 2888 Abergowrie Road, is becoming rough.

**ACTION:** Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate. Mr Robert Giuliano to provide chainages to Mr Kevin Riseley.

- 5.4 Mr Ricky Quabba raised concerns with the visibility of the rail crossing lights located on Herbert Street, Ingham, when vehicles are stopped right on the holding line.

**ACTION:** Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate the possibility to move the holding line back.

- 5.5 Mr Don Oswin advised that the newly installed directional sign located on the northern approach to Ingham, has blocked visibility of the rail crossing lights.

**ACTION:** Mr James Stewart to investigate.

- 5.6 Mr Don Oswin advised that he received a request to move the 80km/hr sign near Neames Inlet Road, back on the Ingham side of Anabranck due to an incident involving a motorist and a cane train.

*It was noted that this move was not warranted.*

*Matter closed.*

- 5.7 HRSAC Secretary read our email received from Mr Rick Butler, who advised of the poor bitumen repairs carried out by Roadtek located 2.5km past Trebonne on Stone River Road.

**ACTION:** Mr James Stewart advised that Council has been made aware of the condition of the repairs and the matter is currently being investigated. Mr James Stewart to report back to the next HRSAC meeting.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 1 February 2017**, in the Council Chambers

**7. CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at:

  
Mayor Ramon Jayo  
CHAIRPERSON