

2 PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT TOOMUC VALLEY ROAD AND PRINCESS HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

FILE REFERENCE INT1916374

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes that the petition requesting traffic lights at Toomuc Valley Road and Princes Highway intersection has been referred to VicRoads as the responsible authority to be investigated.

Attachments

1 Petition Requesting Traffic Lights, circulated to Councillors only 22 Pages

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council meeting on 18 February 2019, a petition was tabled with 658 signatures requesting Council to install traffic lights at the Toomuc Valley Road and Princes Highway intersection.

Council are in support for the requested traffic signals and the petition has been forwarded to VicRoads as the responsible authority for the intersection.

At the time of writing this report, no correspondence had been received from VicRoads despite numerous attempts to contact them via email and phone for an update.

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting on 18 February 2019, a petition was tabled with 658 signatures requesting Council to install traffic lights at the Toomuc Valley Road and Princes Highway intersection.

As the responsible road authority for the Princes Highway, VicRoads need to assess this request. The petition was sent to VicRoads in December 2018 requesting them to investigate and provide a response to both the petitioners and Council.

Council has had discussions in the past about this intersections future signalisation, and the crash trend has been gradually increasing over time for this intersection along with the traffic volumes. Council supports the call for signalisation at this intersection as it is known that there are excessive traffic delays during peak periods and a significant crash history at this intersection.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This request aligns with the long term goal of ‘improved safety’ in Council’s Liveability Plan 2017-29. Safety is about being and feeling safe. It’s about protecting people from danger and preventing harm where there are known hazards or risk to personal safety

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

1. Our people

1.6 Increase awareness of safety

1.6.1 Works with the Police, Victorian Government and the community to improve safety in home, businesses, public places and roads

3. Our environment

3.2 Transport linkages connecting towns

3.2.5 Advocate for and facilitate improved public transport options and major arterial roads to help link employment, educational, recreational and retail activities between the Shire’s rural and growth areas

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

No consultation has occurred regarding the petition received.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

As VicRoads is the responsible authority for the Princes Highway, the financial obligation to install lights at the Toomuc Valley Road and Princes Highway intersection sits with VicRoads

CONCLUSION

At the Council meeting on 18 February a petition was tabled with 658 signatures requesting traffic lights be installed at the intersection of Toomuc Valley Road and Princes Highway. Council is in support of this request, however have referred the request to VicRoads and the responsible road authority.

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Lets Put Traffic Light On Toomuc Valley Rd Princes Highway

Hi everyone my name is Rahmana Im in Year 9 and i am doing a petition on Putting Traffic Lights On Toomuc Valley Rd. Toomuc Valley Rd is a dangerous intersection near Thirsty Camel. Why i want to put traffic lights on Toomuc Valley Rd is because it is way too dangerous there had been more than 5 crashes in a year. We must put traffic lights on Toomuc Valley Rd before it is too late. My petition is in Pakenham Library, Beaconhills College Reception. Also online on change.org on the search bar search up Toomuc Valley Rd and then click on to the petition and press sign petition.

Call for probe into school road safety



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Cardinia Shire Council has requested an investigation into the safety of the highway outside Pakenham Consolidated School after an eight-year-old boy was seriously injured in an accident. Deakin Garth was airlifted to hospital with serious injuries after he collided with a car on the Princes Highway in Pakenham on Tuesday 6 October. The boy, who is on the road to recovery, was injured on the road at the front of the school. He came off his pushbike just before 9am on an 80km/h stretch of road which does not have enforced speed restrictions at school times. Residents have raised concerns about the effectiveness of the speed signage at the accident site following the tragic crash. Cardinia Shire Council's Senior Traffic Engineer Nicholas Charrett said the speed signage issue is under review. "Council have discussed the current school speed zone with VicRoads and have requested VicRoads investigate traffic signals at the Toomuc Valley Road/Princes Highway intersection," Mr Charrett said.

Suburb	Pakenham
Location	<u>Leppitt Rd And Toomuc Valley Rd</u>
Region	Melbourne
Reported	7 Oct, 2010 - 12:18 AM
Updated	7 Oct, 2010 - 12:19 AM
Type	Tow Truck
Information	Tow Truck Dispatched Reason not specified Breakdown likely.
Source	VicRoads

