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Mr Barry Wilson  
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Dear Mr Wilson

Barry,

Thank you for providing a copy of your letter of 12 September 2007 to the Police Commissioner regarding safety at the intersection of Bennetts and Old Cleveland Roads, Coorparoo. I appreciate that you want these issues addressed quickly and feel frustrated with the apparent lack of action to date. I have had the matter investigated and provide the following advice.

The need for improvements at this location has been identified. With the present intersection layout, there is insufficient space to safely provide a physical barrier between the two northbound traffic lanes in Bennetts Road whether by a concrete traffic island or bollards. The median traffic island separating both directions of traffic could be extended slightly but not enough to physically deter any unlawful right turns into or out of the shops by motorists determined to do the wrong thing. You request the use of multiple straight ahead arrows to prevent motorists crossing over to turn left into the shops. A single arrow is provided at present in the northbound centre lane. To provide more would prevent access to the service station on the opposite side of Bennetts Road from the shops.

With regard to the markings on the shopping centre driveway, I have been advised that the property owner intends to install a 'left only' traffic sign facing exiting motorists. While not specified in their approved site plan, it has also been suggested that they complement this sign with a 'left only' pavement arrow. These measures should remove any confusion about lawful movements from the site.

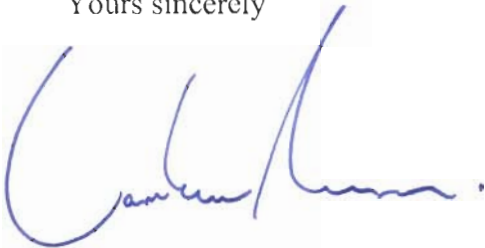
The preferred arrangement at this intersection is to remodel the shopping centre corner eliminating the left turn slip lane. This means that outbound left turning Bennetts Road traffic would be controlled by the traffic lights reducing the potential for conflict with right turning vehicles from Old Cleveland Road. This would also make the intersection more pedestrian-friendly.

It is desirable to have two fully controlled right turning lanes from Old Cleveland Road to Bennetts Road. This project involves significant cost. I will consider it for inclusion in a future budget in line with citywide priorities for this type of work. It also needs to be considered in the context of the Eastern Busway project, the first stage of which is proposed to form a four-way intersection at this site. I acknowledge that this is likely to be some years away and that precise details of the intersection layout are yet to be finalised.

In the interim, once the measures proposed for the shopping centre exit are implemented, the lawful movements at this point will be clear. Those determined to break the law are risking the penalties that apply under the Road Rules as is the case everywhere.

Thank you for bringing this important community concern to my attention. I note that you have also sent a copy of your letter to the Manager of Council's Transport and Traffic Branch. Please consider this response to also be on his behalf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Campbell Newman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Campbell Newman  
**LORD MAYOR**

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*P.S. - I wish to reassure you that during this time of unprecedented growth in our region, my number one priority is to plan for Brisbane's future and to get on with delivering projects that will make sure our city remains a great place to live.*