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Mr Tom Duncan
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Tem Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2013 regarding E-petition No.3-13 lodged by Ms Lawder MLA, and received by the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 2013.

My response to this petition for tabling is at Attachment A.

Yours sincerely

Shane Rattenbury MLA

Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

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PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY No. 3-13, LODGED BY Ms LAWDER MLA ON 26 NOVEMBER 2013

REGARDING: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON MCBRYDE CRESCENT IN WANIASSA, NEAR TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Petition:

This petition of certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory draws to the attention of the Assembly the lack of a school or pedestrian crossing on McBryde Crescent, near Trinity Christian School.

Your petitioners, therefore, request the assembly to consider safety measures to protect students, parents and staff. Additionally to provide appropriate notice to residents.

Response:

The ACT Government notes the petition submitted by the petitioners, tabled by Ms Lawder MLA on 26 November 2013, and makes the following comments:

- Trinity Christian School, located on McBryde Crescent, was recently the subject of an active investigation into traffic and pedestrian safety on roads in the vicinity of the school by Roads ACT.
- Trinity Christian School, like most schools in the ACT, provides carparking and pick up and set down arrangements within the school's grounds. The 40km/h school zone provided on McBryde Crescent, covering the frontage of the school including the access to the carpark and bus zone area is provided by Roads ACT and supports these arrangements.
- Pedestrian crossing facilities, such as the underpass west of the school near Laurens Street and the pedestrian refuge island on McBryde Crescent near Bromley Street, were provided by Roads ACT to enhance the safety of pedestrian and cyclists' movements of the school's students and the community at large.
- Roads ACT has been working with the school community to develop further options for improvement. Stage 1 of these improvements includes the provision of a children's crossing at the existing pedestrian refuge island on McBryde Crescent near Bromley Street. In discussions with the school's Principal, this children's crossing has now been provided during the school holidays in preparation for Term 1, 2014.

Parking restrictions were also proposed for Bromley Street to improve traffic flow during school peak times. These will now be provided given that the consultation with residents has been completed.

 Roads ACT is continuing to work with the school to improve safety and traffic management during school times.