

MEMORANDUM



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Date: 18 December 2013

To: Councillor Nicole Johnston  
Councillor for Tennyson

Via: Councillor Adrian Schrinner  
Deputy Mayor  
Chairman, Infrastructure Committee

AS 17/12/13

From: Lindsay Enright  
Acting Manager  
Transport Planning and Strategy

Re: Ipswich Road and Venner Road intersection – property  
purchase request

CO24036-2013

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Dear Councillor Johnston

I refer to your email to the Transport Planning and Strategy (TPS) branch of 31 July 2013 requesting consideration be given to purchasing the property at 531 Ipswich Road, Annerley, for the purpose of upgrading the Ipswich Road and Venner Road intersection. I apologise for the delay in responding.

TPS has reviewed the future planning for the Ipswich Road and Venner Road intersection and the potential need to purchase the property at 531 Ipswich Road, Annerley, which is currently listed for sale.

The Ipswich Road and Venner Road intersection currently experiences congestion during the peak periods, in part this is due to the low capacity of the shared through/left lane from Venner Road, to accommodate the relatively high volume of left turning traffic. This is compounded by the steep approach gradient which slows down heavy vehicles, and left turning vehicles needing to give way to pedestrians crossing Ipswich Road.

The upgrade of the intersection is listed in Council's long term program, but is not listed as a priority in the current four year program.

Conceptual level planning for the intersection has identified a range of upgrade options, ranging from minor upgrades to provide selective short slip lanes, to a major expansion with dedicated slip lanes into and out of Ipswich Road. Consequently, the potential property acquisition will also vary based on the future final design.

The preliminary level of investigation undertaken to date has not outlined a sufficient level of detail to determine if a major or part acquisition of the property at 531 Ipswich Road is required. Consequently, purchasing of the property for the purpose of the potential future widening at this point in time is not considered necessary.

Although the recommendation is not to purchase the property at this point in time, TPS will continue to monitor the situation, particularly with respect to the lodgement of any development applications that may impact on a future upgrade of this intersection.

I trust this assists, and if you have any queries about this response, please contact John Winkler on (07) 3403 4393.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Enright', written in a cursive style.

Lindsay Enright  
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