

Inquest into the death of Dale Robert Welburn and Kerri Leigh McPherson

On 27 August 2007, the car Mr Welburn was driving, and in which Ms McPherson was the sole passenger, was involved in a three-vehicle accident at the intersection of the Bruce Highway and Lucketts Road approximately two kilometres south of Childers. Three factors contributing to the accident were found to be driver error, poor visibility and poor road design.

Coroner Jennifer Batts delivered her findings of inquest on 21 May 2010.

The Queensland Government responds to recommendations directed to government agencies at inquests by informing the community if a recommendation will be implemented or the reason why a recommendation is not supported. Further information relating the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible agency named in the response.

Recommendation 1

That the relevant intersection be subject to a 'left-in, left-out' arrangement. Accordingly, vehicles travelling south would be able to turn left from the Bruce Highway onto Lucketts Road or from Lucketts Road south onto the Bruce Highway. Northbound vehicles would not be able to turn right into Lucketts Road but would have the option of continuing through Childers or taking the next available right hand turn if they need to.

Response and action: the recommendation is agreed in part and implementation is complete.

Responsible agency: Department of Transport and Main Roads.

On 22 September 2015, the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply responded:

The Department of Transport and Main Roads did not proceed with a left in/left out treatment at the Bruce Highway and Lucketts Road but instead proceeded with provision of a channelised right turn at the intersection to achieve the same safety outcome.

Construction was completed in August 2014.