



Petition

Registration No.	50
Title	Placing children's crossing around Sanderson Middle School
Presented on	25 June 2020
Presented by	Member for Sanderson
Referred to	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Response due	Within 12 meeting days
Response received	23 July 2020
Response presented	n/a

Petition

Sanderson Middle School is bordered by Patterson Street and Matthews road, which are both major roads and signed at 40km/hr. Over the past 18 months the Sanderson Middle School Council has been lobbying, along with the surrounding Primary Schools, to have Children's Crossing installed around the School to increase pedestrian safety. Sadly, last year two students were hit by vehicles around Sanderson Middle School, so it is a matter of student safety.

At the beginning and end of the School day, there is an increase in students from surrounding Primary Schools and the students at Sanderson Middle School - all trying to cross Patterson and Matthew roads. Students, other children and staff at schools should feel safe, comfortable and confident when crossing the road. The Wellbeing and safety of our kids and students are paramount.

We the undersigned request that the City of Darwin Council and Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics to consider urgent action to place Children's Crossing around Sanderson Middle School.

Response

It is saddening to hear that two students were hit by vehicles around the school last year. The Northern Territory Government is implementing the Towards Zero Road Safety Action Plan 2018-2022 that puts forward a vision of zero deaths or accidents on our roads, and outlines a strategy to get there. Our Government continues to invest in the Territory road network and in 2019-20 allocated approximately \$295 million to road improvements.

The Northern Territory Government has not only invested in its own road system, but is also investing in road safety improvements around schools on local government roads, and is delivering a number of projects on behalf of the City of Darwin.

In regards to the roads surrounding Sanderson Middle School, these are under care, control and management of the City of Darwin. The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics contacted the relevant officer of the City of Darwin informing them about the petition. The officer advised that they are aware of the petition and have commenced discussions with management of the Sanderson Middle School and are expected to respond accordingly on what action they will take to address this road safety matter.