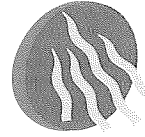




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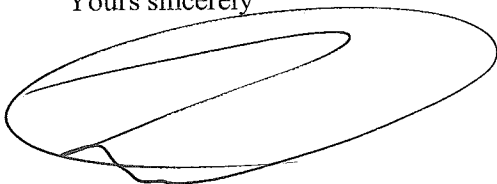
I refer to a petition number 1217-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Andrew Cripps MP, Member for Hinchinbrook on 23 April 2009 about flood-free access across Palm Creek, Ingham.

Flood-free access across Palm Creek is an issue for Hinchinbrook Shire Council to consider, as the bridge and associated streets are not part of the state-controlled road network. Further, there has been no application by council for assistance by the state government through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is responsible for the connectivity of the Bruce Highway and is currently undertaking a planning study to improve the flood immunity of the highway through this area.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

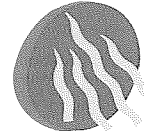


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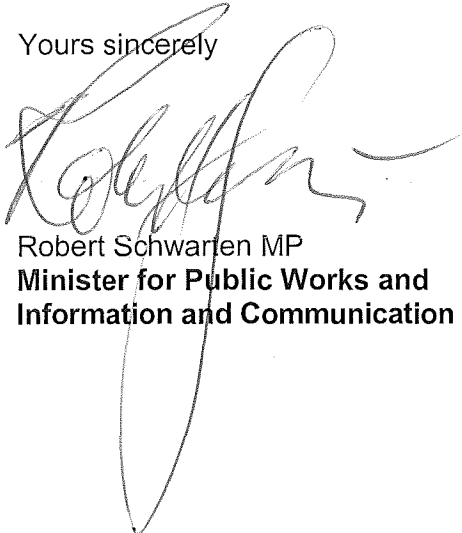
I refer to your letter of 29 April 2009, to the Honourable Neil Roberts MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services regarding a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly (No. 1217-09) in relation to the provision of Queensland Government funding to the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

The petition requests funding for the construction of emergency accommodation or an evacuation centre in the township of Ingham. The Department of Public Works does not provide funding to local governments for the construction of municipal buildings.

I would be pleased if you could table this letter as my response to the petition.

I trust this information addresses your enquiry. If I can be of assistance with other matters within my portfolio, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely



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