



**Queensland
Government**

Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Member for Ipswich

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Your ref: Petitions

Minister for Transport

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1287-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Jann Stuckey MP, Member for Currumbin, on 19 August 2009 about increases in vehicle registration.

The increase in motor vehicle registration fees, which took effect from 1 July 2009, was announced on 9 December 2008 as part of the Major Economic Statement 2008-09. The vehicle registration fee increase for 4 cylinder vehicles was 16.5% and for 6 and 8 cylinder vehicles was 20%. At that time it was noted that the 2009-10 vehicle registration fees would also be subject to changes in compulsory third party premiums and adjustments associated with movements in the consumer price index.

This increase was necessary to keep us on track with the Bligh Government's road building program. Without the increase there may have needed to be a cut back on the roads program, which could have resulted in an increase in unemployment.

Even after the increase, the state government continues to invest more in Queensland's roads than it receives in revenue from motor vehicle registration. In 2009-10, Queensland motorists will pay approximately \$1.2 billion in motor vehicle registration fees. However, the state will invest \$2.145 billion in planning and building Queensland's road network in 2009-10.

As you would appreciate, in order to deliver a program of this scale in the current fiscal environment, it was necessary to assess all revenue options, including motor vehicle registration. The increase will raise approximately \$183 million in 2009-10, which will assist the government in continuing to develop and build Queensland's roads. The government considers providing jobs and road safety as high priorities and this increase will assist with both.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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