



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa

Our ref: MC45471

Your ref: Petitions

- 9 DEC 2009

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

Dear Mr *Neil* Laurie

I refer to the petition number 1313-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steve Dickson MP, Member for Buderim, on 27 October 2009, requesting a change to the proposed route for the Sunshine Coast Multi-Modal Transport Corridor (MMTC) at Hideaway Waters.

I can advise that the Department of Transport and Main Roads will be completing strategic planning for the ultimate alignment of the MMTC, which will stretch from Caloundra Road to the Sunshine Motorway. The MMTC will contain a high-speed arterial road as well as the Caboolture and Maroochydore Corridor Study (CAMCOS) rail line and aims to address the future transport needs of the Sunshine Coast.

State Cabinet endorsed the current MMTC corridor in 2001. It includes a 1.8km section along the Mooloolah River between Parrearra and the Mooloolah River interchange, to the east of Hideaway Waters.

The MMTC project team has actively consulted with elected representatives, government agencies, stakeholder groups and the community to seek feedback about the Mooloolah River crossing. Some of the key concerns raised in this feedback were the impacts on the environment and future sustainability of transport on the Sunshine Coast. The MMTC planning team has also identified that the current approved corridor for the MMTC presents many technical issues relating to building a long, skewed bridge across the Mooloolah River.

In November 2008, public displays were held for the MMTC project, which gave the community an opportunity to provide input and feedback about the strategic planning. This feedback highlighted the need to look at a more environmentally effective way to cross the Mooloolah River, while also minimising social impacts.

The department understands that any planning that may impact on property and communities presents a stressful and emotional situation for property owners. Every effort is made to address property owner concerns as compassionately as possible.



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I am advised that the MMTC project team has made every effort to provide information and support by meeting property owners in the Hideaway Waters community to explain details of an alternative alignment prior to publicly displaying the planning. Ongoing support is also available through the MMTC project email: mmtc@skm.com.au and Freecall line: 1800 662 744.

At these meetings, the attached map was presented with an example alternative alignment through Hideaway Waters. This alternative alignment is not approved planning and is only an example developed to generate discussion.

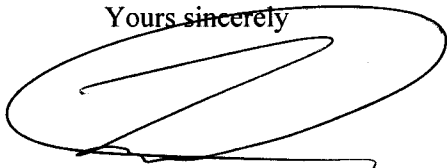
The feedback received will be incorporated in a submission to State Cabinet. This submission will address all impacts, including social, transport, environmental and financial, of an alignment through Hideaway Waters.

All property owners in Hideaway Waters will be advised when a decision has been made about the alignment from Parrearra to Mooloolah River interchange.

Thank you for submitting this petition on behalf of residents of Hideaway Waters. This will be taken into consideration and incorporated in the planning process.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Craig Wallace MP
Minister for Main Roads

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Mooloolah River Crossing Alignment Plan

MainRoads

Sunshine Coast Multi-Modal Transport Corridor

August 2009



Legend

- Roads
- Bridges
- CARLOS Rail Line
- Example Alternative Alignment
- Traffic Lights

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RAIRIA WAY OVERPASS

Mooloolah River

PANGARUA RAIL STATION

Planning layouts for the entire RMTC project were displayed in November 2008, which generated quite a lot of feedback from the community.

As a result of the feedback received, the department has committed to explore other solutions for how the corridor alignment might cross the Mooloolah River.

The orange dotted line (---) shown on the map above provides a possible example of an alternative Mooloolah River crossing for your comment.

We encourage you to discuss your views about the Mooloolah River crossing with the strategic planning team.

