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Member for Ashgrove



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**Minister for Climate Change
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Clerk's Signature:	<u>[Signature]</u>

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 4 August 2010 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 1458-10 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House make the Hornibrook Bridge safe for public access and activity by any and all means possible, and to reconsider the decision to destroy this public icon and to use the funding set aside for the demolition to restore the bridge so that it will be preserved for future generations of Queenslanders.

Whilst the Petition represents the feelings of concerned citizens, the future of the bridge has also been the subject of consideration for the Department of Environment and Resource Management. Studies carried out between 2004 and the end of 2005 identified the whole span to be in a severely deteriorated condition due to its age. As a part of these studies, options for the future use of the bridge were considered by an agency reference group that included the department. The feasibility of retaining the whole span for pedestrian and cycling use was given close consideration, however, it was determined that the structure was in such a deteriorated state it was not suitable for restoration.

On 14 February 2007, an application was received by the department, under section 45 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, from the now Department of Transport and Main Roads, proposing the retention of the bridge portals and the reconstruction of a section of bridge at each end and the construction of a fishing platform while removing the majority of the span. This proposal was publicly advertised on 14 February 2007 with one submission being received in response to the advertisement.

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On 28 March 2007, the Queensland Heritage Council, having considered all feasible options, made the recommendation to the Minister for Transport that work to retain the portals and sections of bridge adjacent to each portal proceed as proposed.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Maureen Lillie, Principal Heritage Officer, Land Services, South East Region of the department on telephone 3406 2392.

Yours sincerely



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