



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Minister for Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

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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 1526-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ted Malone, Member for Mirani about May Downs Road.

I acknowledge that the closure of Isaac River Bridge due to flooding and bitumen sealing the 38km unsealed section of May Downs Road is a serious issue for the community.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is aware of the significance of May Downs Road as a connecting link between the Marlborough-Sarina Road communities of Croydon and Clarke Creek, as well as the Middlemount region.

I am advised that approximately \$840 000 was allocated to Isaac Regional Council and RoadTek to carry out routine maintenance works on May Downs Road on behalf of the department in 2009-10. These works included pavement repairs, bitumen resealing, drainage works, gravel re-sheeting and repair works to Pomegranite Creek Bridge. Departmental officers have met with the Clarke Creek Community Reference Group and will hold further discussions regarding the prioritisation of maintenance funds for the road.

Daily traffic volumes on May Downs Road have remained fairly constant over the past 10 years. According to the department's annual average traffic data for 2009, approximately 52 vehicles used May Downs Road each day, eight of which were heavy vehicles. This compares with 50 vehicles per day in 2008.

Safety is the department's number one priority. Departmental officers have examined the accident data for May Downs Road and the results show that a total of two accidents have been reported on this road since 2001.

The department will continue to monitor May Downs Road and carry out maintenance activities when required.

Yours sincerely

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