



Hon Craig Wallace MP  
Member for Thuringowa



Minister for Main Roads

Our ref: MC53866

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 petition number 1575-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Carryn Sullivan MP, Member for Pumicestone, about the request for a second access to Bribie Island.

I am advised that recent planning investigations by the Department of Transport and Main Roads for Bribie Island Road indicated that the existing bridge is expected to meet future needs based on current growth estimations for Bribie Island.

My department monitors traffic volumes along Bribie Island Road annually and the present traffic figures for Bribie Island Bridge are approximately 20 000 vehicles per day. This traffic volume is projected to grow by two per cent per annum. The current capacity of the bridge is in the order of 25 000 to 30 000 vehicles per day depending on the access arrangement at the Bribie Island end of the bridge.

My department will continue to monitor traffic growth to help assess future needs and will conduct planning for an increase in road capacity when the monitoring identifies the need. Any proposals for the duplication of the Bribie Island Bridge will also include pedestrian/cycle facilities and involve extensive community consultation.

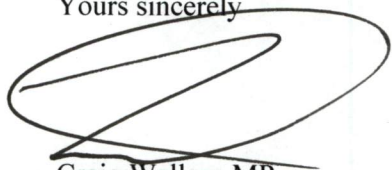
Queuing sometimes occurs on the bridge and the department has undertaken to work with Moreton Bay Regional Council to investigate this issue. When road collisions occur, road safety is the first priority of all involved. Emergency services act quickly to assist those involved and the accidents are investigated and cleared. The government has emergency service strategies to safely provide assistance in the event of an accident. This may cause congestion on the bridge at times, however safety must come first.

Safety is my department's top priority. Thanks to the strong advocacy of Mrs Carryn Sullivan MP, Member for Pumicestone, my department has also increased safety measures on the Bribie Island Bridge by placing extra signage on both approaches. The *No Overtaking on Bridge* signs installed in November reinforce the message that is illegal to overtake on the bridge, helping to ensure the safety of motorists.

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I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke, all enclosed within a large, irregular oval shape.

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