



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Our ref: PP1709-11

Your ref: Petitions

**Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries
and Marine Infrastructure**

24 AUG 2011

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1709-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ray Stevens MP, Member for Mermaid Beach on 2 August 2011 about diverting public transport buses off Nerang–Broadbeach Road onto local residential streets in Broadbeach Waters and Carrara, as part of the proposed transport infrastructure improvements for Nerang–Broadbeach Road.

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads will deliver the proposed improvements to Nerang–Broadbeach Road in stages as funding becomes available. The first stage, a three metre wide shared cycle and pedestrian path on the northern side of the road, between Cypress Drive and Bermuda Street, commenced construction in early August 2011.

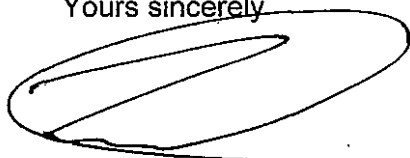
The petitioners' concerns about the proposed re-routing of public transport buses, as part of a future stage of these works, have been noted. The Department of Transport and Main Roads has advised that design options for all other stages are still being analysed, and are subject to change. The department welcomes all feedback and suggestions from residents, businesses and motorists, as this information will be used to refine the various improvement options.

I am further advised the department, as a concurrence agency, is assessing the 'Cypress Central' development application at the corner of Nerang–Broadbeach Road and the Gooding Drive roundabout for any impacts to the state-controlled road network and the proposed transport infrastructure improvements. The department requires the developer to find a workable technical solution for managing traffic impacts on the Gooding Drive roundabout. However, it should be noted that even if traffic impacts can be satisfactorily mitigated, approval or otherwise of the development remains a decision for Gold Coast City Council.

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My department will keep the community informed via project update newsletters as plans for this project progress. These updates will address matters raised during consultation, and advise outcomes of investigations for the next stage of works.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

Craig Wallace MP
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