



Hon Paul Lucas MP



Deputy Premier and Attorney-General
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Your ref: Petitions

16 SEP 2011

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition 1748-11, regarding the need for construction of a footpath adjacent to Flaxton Drive, between Glen Eden Court and Nimbus Drive, Flaxton.

Thank you for your letter of 24 August 2011.

In Queensland, Local Governments are autonomous bodies charged with taking independent action on a wide range of matters necessary for ensuring the good rule and Government of their areas.

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a Local Government has control of all roads within its area, other than State controlled roads under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*. Control in this instance includes the construction, maintenance and improvements of roads including provisions for footpaths.

It is entirely up to Sunshine Coast Regional Council to decide the extent and priority of its annual works program, as part of its annual budget process.

I am advised that Council's 2011-2012 works program does not provide for the construction of a footpath adjacent to Flaxton Drive, between Glen Eden Court and Nimbus Drive, Flaxton.

On 1 August 2011, I wrote to Councillor Bob Abbot, Mayor, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, to announce the release of a new \$45 million Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program 2011-2012, incorporating the Climate Ready Infrastructure Initiative, and to advise the commencement of the application period for 2011-2012.

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Council has until 30 September 2011 to submit applications for funding. The funding available to Council includes provisions to enhance the quality of life of people living in rural communities by improving recreational, tourist or cultural facilities, or improving security measures in public places.

Council can seek a 40 per cent subsidy towards projects that are important to community life and support the local economy. Council is encouraged to engage with the community to identify projects that would benefit the region.

Further information on the program guidelines is available on the Department of Local Government and Planning's website at www.dlgp.qld.gov.au, along with the application form and Climate Ready Infrastructure Initiative Guide.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Lucas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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