



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



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

Our ref: PP1786-11

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 1786-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ray Stevens MP, Member for Mermaid Beach on 11 October 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.

As previously advised in response to petition number 1709-11, 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 and was completed in late October 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 has advised that design options for all other stages are still being analysed and are subject to change. The department will continue to receive feedback and suggestions from residents, businesses and motorists, on the proposed infrastructure improvements as this information will be used to refine the various improvement options. The local community can provide comment on email at PDO.Regions.GoldCoast@tmr.qld.gov.au or by telephone on 5596 9500.

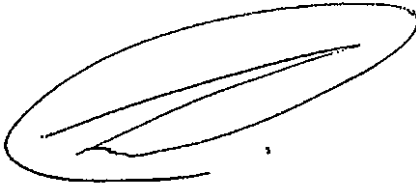
The department will keep the community informed via project update newsletters as plans for this project progress. These updates will address matters raised during consultation and advise outcomes of investigations for the next stage of works. Project updates are distributed to more than 14 000 residents in the local area.

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In relation to the 'Cypress Central' development application the department is currently assessing the most suitable public transport route to service this potential development which is located at the corner of Nerang-Broadbeach Road and the Gooding Drive roundabout. Until all options have been fully investigated and a final decision is made by Gold Coast City Council on the development application, the existing public transport bus route along Nerang–Broadbeach Road will remain.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

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