



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



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

Our ref: PP1789-11

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 petition number 1789-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Murray Watt MP, Member for Everton on 1 December 2011 about the Stafford Road and South Pine Road intersection.

In response to feedback and concerns raised about the congestion from the community, the Department of Transport and Main Roads highlighted the need for a planning study. The department began investigations in early 2011.

Initial investigations by the department looked at a number of possible design options to help improve traffic flow. Over 55 000 vehicles currently travel through this intersection on a daily basis, so minimising disruption to motorists and surrounding residents during construction is a major priority for the planning process.

In November 2011, the project team released the proposed concept plan to the community, showing an upgrade to provide significant travel time savings of up to 10 minutes from the outer north-west suburbs. A two-staged approach to planning and delivery will allow the project to deliver incremental benefits to users and minimise disruption to the community during construction.

The concept plan proposes to provide a new link road to travel around the Harvey Norman, Anaconda and Spotlight shopping precinct, joining to Stafford Road with a new T-intersection next to the former Woolworths precinct. This direct route between Stafford Road and South Pine Road would bypass the current intersection, reducing pressure on the surrounding road network.

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The plan also proposes to simplify traffic movements at the current intersection by restricting right turns from South Pine Road into Griffith Street to provide for the heavily used north-south route, saving travel time and increasing capacity. The current entrance to the shopping precinct on South Pine Road would also shift to the new link road, freeing up capacity in the northbound right lane by removing waiting traffic wanting to turn into the shopping precinct's carpark.

Cyclists will enjoy improved connectivity through new dedicated on- and off-road bicycle lanes along the corridor with direct links to the Kedron Brook bikeway, with upgraded footpaths, new signalised pedestrian crossings and better access into the shopping precinct.

Community consultation on the Stafford Road and South Pine Road Intersection Upgrade Planning Study was carried out in November and December 2011, with a newsletter (including the concept plan) distributed to the local community and key stakeholders. A copy of the newsletter and concept plan can be downloaded from the department's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au (search for "Stafford South Pine").

The project team has also held a series of public displays, community information sessions and property meetings with potentially affected land owners. Community feedback and ongoing technical analysis on the concept plan will help inform the next phase of planning and a refined concept plan to be released in mid-2012. The project team will continue to accept feedback from the community during the life of the project.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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