



Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala




**Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs**

Our ref: PP1712-11 / PP1795-11

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 1712-11 and 1795-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 11 and 25 October 2011 about the Beerburrum to Nambour rail duplication.

The state government recognises the importance of this section of the rail network. Upgrading this section of the corridor is recognised in the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2010-2031* and the *Connecting SEQ 2031: An Integrated Regional Transport Plan for South East Queensland*.

The \$298 million Caboolture to Beerburrum track duplication completed in 2009 represents the first stage in upgrading the rail corridor to Nambour. Significant planning has already been undertaken for the Beerburrum to Nambour section with environmental impact studies for the realignment and upgrade of the rail corridor completed for both Caboolture to Landsborough and Landsborough to Nambour.

Upgrades to the rail line from Beerwah to Nambour and the realignment and duplication of Beerburrum to Landsborough have been identified in the *Connecting SEQ 2031* as strategic projects for the Sunshine Coast to be delivered by 2031. As you would appreciate however these projects require significant funding and this investment needs to be considered with regard to other network priorities.

While upgrades to the Beerburrum to Nambour section are identified as strategic projects for the Sunshine Coast region, the timeframe for the delivery of these upgrades must be assessed within the priorities of the broader transport program as the state government invests in a major reconstruction program following the recent natural disasters.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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