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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1847-12 and 1867-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Member for Kawana and Attorney-General and Minister for Justice on 15 February 2012, about the Bruce Highway Upgrade Planning Study (Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway).

In late 2011, the Department of Transport and Main Roads released a draft plan to upgrade the Bruce Highway between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Motorway for community feedback.

The draft plan proposed future upgrades to the Bruce Highway interchanges with the Sunshine Motorway and Caloundra Road, providing a western service road to separate highway and local traffic and widening the highway from four to six lanes with a future provision for eight.

This is an early stage of planning and the draft plan was released as a first step to seek community input as part of the design process. I acknowledge the community's concerns about the proposal for some changes to access points along the highway and confirm this issue is being given close consideration in the current review of the design.

This review will seek to achieve a sustainable balance between providing a safe and sound engineering design that delivers results and value for money to the people of Queensland, with access that supports the needs of the local community.

The department expects to complete its review of the draft plan later this year, upon which time the community will be updated.

Yours sincerely

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