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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1986-12 with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Member for Inala on 16 April 2013 about the Sumners Road bridge duplication.

In 2011 the Department of Transport and Main Roads released a preferred option for the Sumners Road interchange upgrade and detailed design plans were underway in early 2012.

Preliminary works were originally expected to commence in the 2013-14 financial year with construction commencing the following financial year.

Unfortunately, due to an urgent need to reduce government debt, the department reviewed its program of works and determined the Sumners Road interchange upgrade would have to be deferred indefinitely.

When placed in the context of the damage across the state caused by numerous wet weather events and the competing priorities of construction projects and safety improvement works, the department advises that funding for the Sumners Road interchange upgrade, although very important, is not a priority at this time.

I acknowledge the deferment of this project is extremely frustrating for motorists, particularly those who regularly travel through the interchange in peak hour traffic.

Please be assured funding for this project will be considered for the 2014-2015 financial year.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads