Our ref MIN23499

Ms Melanie Carlyon PO Box 526 Gladstone Qld 4680

Dear Ms Carlyon

I refer to two petitions lodged by Mrs Liz Cunningham MP, Member for Gladstone, on 4 and 5 June 2003, with the Legislative Assembly, about traffic problems on the Dawson Highway between Kin Kora and Garden Lovers roundabouts in Gladstone.

I recognise the importance of completing the remaining four-lane construction between Briffney Roundabout and Chapman Drive and have included planning for this work in the five-year Roads Implementation Program.

Due to other higher priorities on the Dawson Highway between Gladstone and Biloela, there is no firm allocation of funding for construction of the project at this stage.

A traffic analysis of the Kin Kora roundabout is currently being progressed. The outcome of this analysis will be used to formulate strategies to deal with the traffic issues at the intersection.

If you need to discuss this issue further, please contact Mr Terry Hill, the department's district director in Rockhampton, on 4931 1501.

Yours sincerely

- Original signed by Minister -

Steve Bredhauer Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads Member for Cook