



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 11508

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2164-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 10 September 2013, about the preferred alignment of the West Petrie Bypass being proposed at Young's Crossing, Petrie by Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC).

MBRC has been investigating route options in light of previous flood impacts, peak hour congestion and performance issues at Young's Crossing. On 30 July 2013, the MBRC resolved to seek a significant majority of the funding for the construction of the West Petrie Bypass from the Australian and Queensland Governments.

Petitioners' concerns relate to potential impacts of MBRC's preferred alignment on the amenity and natural setting of North Pine Country Park as well as on the viability of businesses during and after construction of this road. They request that the Queensland Government reject MBRC's request for funding to improve this local government road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is commencing a planning study to determine strategic network benefits and impacts of road improvement options in the West Moreton corridor between Caboolture to Brendale. Options for the alignment of the West Petrie Bypass will be considered as part of this study over the next year. TMR is therefore not in a position to make a recommendation to support MBRC's proposals until benefits and costs (including community impacts) have been assessed and priorities for the corridor determined.

Any proposal for funding will need to be assessed following the outcomes of the abovementioned study and will compete against other priorities across the state in the context of limited funding for projects.

Yours sincerely

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