



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 11861

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

4 MAR 2014

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2189-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 11 February 2014 about Vines Creek bridges.

The Newman Government has provided funding of \$1 million for the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Mackay/Whitsunday region to complete immediate repair works to prolong the life of these structures until replacement can be completed.

Additional funding of \$800,000 has also been provided for TMR to commence the planning and design for replacement of the bridges.

Work has commenced on the preliminary design phase to replace the bridges and is expected to be completed by late 2014.

Repair works are programmed for mid-2014.

I acknowledge the significance that this road plays in the overall function of the road network within the region. Unfortunately, due to the legacy of debt and the inaction by the previous Labor government, there is currently no funding for construction available. However, this project is a priority for the transport network and TMR.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Emerson', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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