



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2331-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jason Costigan MP, Member for Whitsunday on 28 October 2014 about Mt Ossa Seaforth Road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to ensuring the safety and efficiency of the state-controlled road network in the Mackay/Whitsunday District.

I am aware of the significance of Mt Ossa Seaforth Road as a connecting link between Mt Ossa and Seaforth. I also acknowledge that the condition of the road is an issue for residents.

Investment to seal the unsealed section, upgrade bridges and improve the flood immunity is desirable, however funding is limited and must be allocated according to priority across the state.

The department has developed a strategy for low cost bitumen sealing to sections of unsealed roads and these sections will be prioritised depending on their use, the type and volume of traffic, and proximity to adjacent local communities.

The department will continue to monitor the condition of Mt Ossa Seaforth Road and undertake maintenance works until funding becomes available to complete more permanent works.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads