



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports
Minister for Energy and Water Supply

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2350-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra on 26 March 2015 about future provision of direct access from the Bruce Highway to Aussie World and neighbouring shops/petrol station as part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Project.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has finalised preliminary planning work for the Bruce Highway Upgrade Project - Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway (BHUP). This project includes interchange upgrades to both the Caloundra Road and Sunshine Motorway interchanges, six-laning of approximately seven kilometres of highway between these interchanges, and construction of a western service road between Steve Irwin Way and Tanawha Tourist Drive.

TMR advises that following completion of the western service road, both entry and exit ramps from the Bruce Highway at Pignata and Frizzo roads will be removed. This changes the access arrangement to the Aussie World tourism precinct and neighbouring shops/petrol station, which is currently via the entry and exit ramps at Frizzo and Pignata roads.

The western service road will provide safer access to businesses located within the Aussie World tourism precinct, due to the separation of lower speed local traffic and the higher speed regional traffic.

I wish to thank the Member for Caloundra for his interest and advise him that TMR is progressing the planning work undertaken to date and will be consulting with stakeholders to maximise the benefits of the upgrade.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and
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