



# Hon Jackie Trad MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,  
Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

Our ref: PET 13893

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

**27 APR 2015**

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2355-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Rob Molhoek MP, Member for Southport on 26 March 2015 about the second stage of the Gold Coast light rail system connecting with the heavy rail prior to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

The Palaszczuk Government has provided in-principle support for the Stage 2 light rail extension. We recognise that it is an important piece of infrastructure for the Gold Coast.

I note that the previous Newman Government's commitment to extend the light rail did not include any funding or timeframes for the commencement or completion of the project.

The Palaszczuk Government is working hard to explore all available options that will allow the light rail extension to progress. As you will no doubt appreciate, funding a project of this scale will also require a commitment from the City of Gold Coast and the Federal Government. As such I have requested both the Federal Government and City of Gold Coast to make a financial contribution to the project to enable it to proceed.

I call on local Gold Coast Members of Parliament to join the Palaszczuk Government in pressuring the Federal Government to reverse its decision not to fund public transport infrastructure projects and to allocate funds for the expansion of the Gold Coast Light Rail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jackie Trad", written over a vertical line.

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