



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

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2379-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra on 5 May 2015 about future provision of direct access from the Bruce Highway to Aussie World precinct and associated businesses as part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Project.

Preliminary planning work has been finalised for the Bruce Highway Upgrade Project – Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway. This project includes interchange upgrades to both the Caloundra Road and Sunshine Motorway interchanges, and construction of a western service road between Steve Irwin Way and Tanawha Tourist Drive.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that following completion of the western service road, both entry and exit ramps from the Bruce Highway at Frizzo and Pignata Roads will be removed. This will change the access arrangement to the Aussie World precinct and associated businesses, which is currently via the entry and exit ramps at Frizzo and Pignata Roads.

With detailed design still to be undertaken for the project, it is likely that the ramps will remain in place for at least two years. However, the exact timing of when the ramps will be removed is not yet known. Aussie World precinct tenants will be given substantial notice prior to the changed access arrangements.

The upgrades are required to create a safer road environment and to ease congestion on the Bruce Highway.

The western service road will provide a safer access to businesses located within the Aussie World precinct, due to the separation of lower speed local traffic and the higher speed regional traffic. A key benefit for Aussie World will be local traffic travelling in close proximity creating greater opportunities for stops.

In progressing the planning work, TMR will consult with stakeholders in the Aussie World precinct in the coming months to update them on the project status.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping tail extending downwards and to the right.

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