



# Hon Jackie Trad MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,

Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

Our ref: PET 14966

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie

The Clerk of the Parliament

Parliament House

George Street

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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to petition numbers 2418–15 and 2388–15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Dr Mark Robinson MP, Member for Cleveland on 14 July 2015 about prioritising the Eastern Busway completion to Redland City.

The Eastern Busway is a multi-stage transport project. The first stage of the Eastern Busway from Buranda to Langlands Park opened in 2011. The extension of the busway from Langlands Park to Capalaba was identified in the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has protected this corridor and has also declared both Coorparoo Junction and Bennetts Road as Prescribed Transit Nodes. This enables the state to acquire land for future transport associated development to integrate transport facilities with surrounding communities.

A Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the old Myer site at Coorparoo Junction has recently begun and provides for the future busway extension.

A project of the size and scope of the Eastern Busway would require funding from the federal government.

An earlier implementation of the busway as the Eastern TransitWay has been proposed to improve five intersections allowing buses to bypass key congestion points between Main Avenue and Creek Road. Infrastructure Australia has the project listed at Threshold level recognising its strong strategic and economic merit. The project is yet to receive any funding commitment from the Australian Government.

The Palaszczuk Labor Government will continue to fight for federal government funding for critical, productivity boosting and transformational public transport infrastructure for Queensland. I have spoken to the Prime Minister and federal Infrastructure Minister Warren Truss to lobby for funding for vital public transport infrastructure in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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