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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2443-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Boothman MP, Member for Albert on 16 February 2016 about the Oxenford Interchange (Exit 57) on the Pacific Motorway (M1).

I can advise petitioners that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has undertaken concept planning for the Coomera and Oxenford area, in consultation with the City of Gold Coast.

This concept planning includes a proposed future upgrade to alleviate congestion at Exit 57 involving an overpass of the M1 that would connect Reserve Road and Beattie Road, which are controlled by the City of Gold Coast.

Unfortunately, funding is not currently available for detail design or construction of upgrades at this location. However, the Government will continue to consider funding such works against other priorities, to ensure funding is allocated to areas identifying the greatest need, based on state-wide safety and capacity considerations. That competition for funding has unfortunately become more challenging as a consequence of the previous administration cutting transport and road funding by more than \$600 million.

Upgrading the M1 is a Palaszczuk Government priority, and the petitioners should be assured that we will continue to seek fair funding contribution from the Federal Government to ensure priority upgrades can be undertaken.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely



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