



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

Our ref: PET18272

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2534-16 and 2603-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly about funding a feasibility study to establish a road link connecting Burrum Heads and Buxton, including a new bridge over the Burrum River.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is aware of public interest to provide a more direct coastal route. At this time, no planning or feasibility assessment has been undertaken to demonstrate the economic benefits of such a route.

I can confirm that a project of this nature is not within TMR's current forward program of planning. As there are currently a large number of safety and other high-priority projects competing for limited funding across Queensland, any planning activities associated with an investment of this size and expense would need to be considered in the future against competing priorities and availability of funds.

I am, however, aware of a federal government election commitment of \$200,000 to undertake a feasibility study into the proposed project. The state government was not consulted prior to this commitment, nor has it been contacted since.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Mark Bailey", written in a cursive style.

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