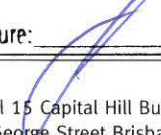




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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to a petition number 2542-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Lachlan Millar MP, Member for Gregory on 16 February 2016, about the remaining unsealed sections of the Clermont-Alpha Road.

I appreciate the matters that the petitioners have raised regarding the safety and efficiency of Clermont-Alpha Road, which I am advised is used by less than 100 vehicles per day, of which about 13% are trucks.

While there is currently no funding available to undertake further bitumen sealing, 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.

Petitioners should however be assured that routine maintenance has recently been undertaken on the unsealed sections and that I have requested that my department continue to monitor the condition of the unsealed sections to ensure that it remains safe.

They should also be assured that the Palaszczuk Government understands the importance of investing in road infrastructure right across the state.

For example, our \$40 million Western Roads Upgrade Package, comprising 14 regional priority road projects across western Queensland, includes \$13 million to upgrade the Diamantina Developmental Road, a large portion of which is in the Gregory electorate.

Also, my Department has advised they are not aware of any road safety issues relating to the Mistake Creek State School, however I have asked that the local Road Safety Advisor contact the principal to discuss any concerns and possible road safety initiatives for the local area.

Yours sincerely



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