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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions numbers 2577-16 and 2538-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Jann Stuckey MP, Member for Currumbin on 19 April 2016 about Exit 93 of the Pacific Motorway (M1) to Sarawak Avenue, Palm Beach.

I can confirm that the Palaszczuk Government has not approved any closure of Exit 93.

Previous planning for the M1 between Varsity Lakes and Tugun undertaken in 2007–08 anticipated access to Sarawak Avenue via Exit 92 and a service road on the western side of the M1. That planning is no longer current.

Further planning is now underway to refine details for upgrading this section of the M1, although such upgrades are not currently funded.

I can advise petitioners that I have asked that the planning investigate options to leave Exit 93 open. Upgrading options for Exit 92 (KP McGrath Drive) are also being reviewed.

My department is in the early stages of this planning work, but I am pleased to confirm that consultation will be undertaken in due course.

It is disappointing that the Turnbull budget handed down on 3 May 2016 did not include any funding for M1 upgrades, despite the fact that the M1 is Queensland's most trafficked road.

Petitioners should however be assured that I will continue to urge the Turnbull Government to commit much needed funding to enable a staged and timely upgrade of the M1 to proceed on fair funding terms.

Yours sincerely

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