



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

Our ref: PET 19883

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2669-16 and 2640-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Jann Stuckey MP, Member for Currumbin on 29 November 2016 about the congestion at the southern section of the Pacific Motorway (M1) from Varsity Lakes to Tugun and a request for this section of the M1 to be included in the current funding discussions with the Australian Government for upgrades of the M1.

The M1 Pacific Motorway, Varsity Lakes to Tugun (VL2T) upgrade is required to progress through the Queensland Government's Project Assurance Framework process. The expected timeframe for finalisation of the Preliminary Evaluation phase is late 2017.

Consistent with legislative requirements, Building Queensland will lead development of the Business Case, given the cost of the works will exceed the \$100 million threshold. When approved, the Business Case will be referred to Infrastructure Australia (IA) for assessment, and the Australian Government for funding consideration and approval to allow the project to proceed to construction.

\$1.48 million has been allocated in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2016-17 to 2019-20* to complete the Preliminary Evaluation phase of the Varsity Lakes to Tugun project, including detailed planning.

I can assure the petitioners that after three years of inaction on the M1 under the previous Government it is the Palaszczuk Government that is getting on with the job of planning and delivering vital upgrades for this important piece of infrastructure for South East Queensland.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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