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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2750-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2018, about an Exit ramp for Olley's Orange Country Market as part of the safety improvement project at North Maclean on the Mount Lindesay Highway.

The \$20 million state and federally funded upgrade at North Maclean includes connecting St Aldwyn Road and Wearing Road to a new service road. This service road joins to a new signalised intersection at Greenbank Road and the existing grade-separated interchange at Chambers Flat Road. This upgrade will improve safety and efficiency with an objective of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes on this section of the highway, and will provide local residents with a service road for local trips which reduces the potential for crashes caused by turning traffic on the highway.

An independent analysis by GHD of the alternative access options were investigated for St Aldwyn Road, specifically those proposed by the consultants for Olley's Orange Country Market to try and retain the existing left turn in. Following analysis a number of options were ruled out as unsafe, and could not be incorporated, however a new access slip lane a short distance away is the proposed alternative solution.

In addition, a further \$20 million of state funding has been committed to widen the highway to four lanes between Rosia Road and Stoney Camp Road.

The Palaszczuk Government has also committed \$1.3 million over the next two years to complete business cases for further Mount Lindesay Highway upgrades.

I thank the petitioners for their interest in Mount Lindesay Highway planning, and I also thank the Member for Logan for his ongoing advocacy on these important issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Mark Bailey", written over a white background.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads