



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports

Our ref: PET 22850

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

6 SEP 2017

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2766-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 8 August 2017 about naming the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (TSRC) the 'Brett Forte Way'.

Senior Constable Brett Forte's death in the line of duty in May 2017 has devastated many people across Queensland, most of all his family, friends and colleagues.

I appreciate the suggestion from the 11,345 petitioners to name the TSRC the Brett Forte Way and I have asked the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to record the nomination for future reference in the event of any decision to name the motorway.

TMR is currently planning its approach to the naming process and the consultation required. TMR will begin accepting nominations to name the TSRC key infrastructure assets at the end of this year. Nominations received for Brett Forte Way will be considered, along with other nominations, at that time.

The naming of infrastructure assets must adhere to relevant legislative and policy requirements. The general procedure in relation to recommending recognition names for state-controlled assets includes consultation with local governments, local Members of Parliament, other affected districts or regions, progress associations, industry bodies and peak community organisations.

The naming of any project, as significant to the Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley regions as the TSRC, will require careful consideration and wide consultation with the community.

I trust this information is of assistance, and I thank the petitioners for their interest in this important issue.

Yours sincerely

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