



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to petition number 2768-17 and 2800-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera, on 8 and 9 August 2017 about the need to upgrade the Pacific Motorway (M1) Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45) southbound.

The Palaszczuk Government is aware that ongoing rapid industrial and residential development in the northern Gold Coast area is adding pressure to already busy M1 interchanges, which has been compounded by the lack of investment by the previous LNP Government.

In response to this, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently conducting planning studies for short- and long-term upgrades of various interchanges on the M1, including at Exit 45. The primary objective of this planning is to identify solutions that increase the safety of off-ramp queueing at these interchanges. This planning includes taking into consideration traffic flows through and around the interchanges, as well as connecting road planning by the City of Gold Coast.

With regards to Exit 45, TMR is currently investigating a number of upgrades as part of this planning including reconstructing the current southbound off-ramp and/or constructing an additional southbound off-ramp just north of the southbound on-ramp.

In line with previous major interchange upgrades completed on the M1, construction of future upgrades to Exit 45 will require federal and state funding to be agreed.

I thank the petitioners for their interest in this important issue.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports