



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

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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2775-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jeff Seeney MP, Member for Callide on 14 June 2017 about the unsealed sections of Monto–Mount Perry Road and Gayndah–Mount Perry Road in the North Burnett area.

When planning for future upgrades, projects must be carefully prioritised so funding goes to those identified as being needed the most. Criteria such as through and turning traffic, the type of traffic, the condition of the road and the past safety record are all considered.

Based on these requirements and other competing priorities across the state, upgrading and sealing both roads is not considered a high priority at this time.

I have been advised that the unsealed sections of both roads were recently graded. The next formation grades are anticipated to occur in late 2017 if no major weather events are experienced between now and then.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads and its contractor, North Burnett Regional Council, will continue to undertake regular inspections to ensure the roads remain in a safe condition. More frequent inspections of Monto–Mount Perry Road are currently occurring due to the increased traffic associated with delivering material to the Burnett Highway rehabilitation site.

I thank the petitioners for their commitment to better road infrastructure and road safety outcomes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mark Bailey", written in a cursive style.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and
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