



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2864-18 and 2821-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2018 by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera about the need to upgrade the Pacific Motorway (M1) Yatala South Interchange (Exit 41).

As advised in the response to petition 2761-17, tabled on 8 August 2017, the Queensland Government is aware that ongoing rapid industrial and residential development in the northern Gold Coast area is adding pressure to already busy M1 interchanges. 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 41.

The primary objective of this planning is to identify solutions that increase the safety of off-ramp queuing 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 41, TMR is currently investigating a number of upgrades as part of this planning, including the provision of additional lanes for both the southbound and northbound off ramps and, as requested in the petition, separating the on/off ramps onto the service roads.

In the interim, TMR has installed roundabout metering at Exit 41 to reduce the identified safety risk associated with traffic queuing back onto the through lanes of the M1 during peak times.

I thank the petitioners for their commitment to improved road infrastructure and trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey'.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads