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Dear Neil

Thank you for your letter of 13 June 2018 about petition number 2891-18 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 13 June 2018 concerning traffic congestion in the area of Global Plaza at Oxenford.

I note the request of the petitioners for the House to ask the Gold Coast City Council to prioritise design works and upgrades in the area surrounding Global Plaza.

While the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) establishes the legal framework for how Local Governments determine their annual budget and associated policies, the Act also affords Councils considerable autonomy in determining their budget priorities. This recognises that individual Councils are best placed to decide the appropriate delivery of infrastructure, services and facilities to meet the needs and expectations of their ratepayers. There are limited powers for the State to intervene or direct any Local Government in operational matters such as determining the priority of projects.

I would suggest the petitioners submit their request to the Council at PO Box 5042, Gold Coast Mail Centre Qld 9729 or by email at mail@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stirling Hinchliffe', written over a white background.

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP
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