



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3165-19, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Stephen Bennett MP, Member for Burnett, on Tuesday 20 August 2019 about naming of the Isis River Bridge.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads bridge naming policy places emphasis on naming newly constructed bridges and recommends avoiding the renaming of existing infrastructure.

Renaming existing structures that have been in place for many years has the potential to cause confusion for local communities, visitors and emergency services, and sets a precedent for the 3124 state-controlled bridges across the state that are considered 'open to traffic'.

There is a rigorous process involved in naming any significant structure across the state-controlled road network. This process requires detailed consultation with the broader community, including but not limited to, elected representatives, traditional land owners and peak organisations such as progress or ratepayer's associations, industry or community bodies.

Unopposed support from these groups and the public is an important consideration in the bridge naming or renaming process. For these reasons, renaming a bridge will generally only be considered in extraordinary circumstances.

I wrote to the Member for Burnett on 19 August 2019 advising of the above and suggested the Member resubmit his nomination at a future time when new infrastructure is being built.

I 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 Road**