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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3514-21, 3534-21 and 3568-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 June 2021 about a light rail mass transit option on the Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) is responsible for leading the development of the options analysis (previously known as the 'preliminary business case') for the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit project. The options analysis is investigating an integrated public transport solution for the Sunshine Coast.

SCC committed to undertaking a meaningful community engagement process as part of delivering the options analysis before more detailed investigations are undertaken during development of a detailed business case. SCC's community engagement period was open from 28 April to 22 June 2021, during which the community was invited to comment on:

- the mass transit options being considered in the draft options analysis report
- the different ways to accommodate the projected growth in the Sunshine Coast Urban Corridor from Maroochydore to Caloundra
- how to reflect the existing character of local places in future placemaking activities.

I look forward to being updated by the SCC on the outcomes of the community consultation which will consider the community's feedback and the outcomes from the broader options analysis that will be followed by the development of a business case. The preparation of the detailed business case will be in accordance with the Queensland Government's assessment guidelines. The business case process involves significant controls to avoid any bias in the outcome.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads