

Our ref: MC8663

Your ref: 360-04

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

**Re: Petition to upgrade the rail crossing and road approaches at  
Goondi Hill on the Bruce Highway at Innisfail**

Thank you for your letter of 1 September 2004 enclosing the petition that was lodged by the Honourable Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors of Queensland and Member for Mulgrave, about upgrading the rail crossing and road approaches at Goondi Hill on the Bruce Highway, Innisfail.

I can confirm that the Department of Main Roads and Queensland Rail are jointly upgrading the crossing and road approaches at a cost of around \$150 000. Upgrade works will include repair of the road surface for 50m on either side of the crossing and upgrade of the track through the crossing. These works will improve ride-ability for road traffic over the crossing. The safety of the crossing will also be improved with additional signs and road markings, repairs to the pedestrian pathway and painting of pathway markings.

I expect this work to be completed by Christmas 2004, weather permitting.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised.

Yours sincerely

**PAUL LUCAS MP**

**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**