



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 43569
Your ref: A792142 and A798437

9 December 2021

1 William Street Brisbane 4000
GPO Box 2644 Brisbane
Queensland 4001 Australia
Telephone +61 7 3719 7300
Email transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Website www.tmr.qld.gov.au

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3648-21 and 3659-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Nicholas Dametto MP, Member for Hinchinbrook on 18 November 2021 and 30 November 2021 about the width of Abergowrie Road, Trebonne.

The Queensland Government is committed to eliminating serious trauma on Queensland roads over the long term. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) continually monitors the state-controlled road network to identify and carry out road upgrades and maintenance to provide a safe environment for motorists, pedestrians and bike riders.

I am pleased to advise that, in November 2021, TMR completed road stabilisation and sealing works on a seven kilometre section of Ingham–Abergowrie Road between Mortons Road and Sheahans Road, Long Pocket, strengthening and widening the road to eight metres, and improving safety for the travelling public. There are no further plans to widen the remaining sections of Ingham–Abergowrie Road between Trebonne and Saint Teresa's College, Abergowrie.

This section of Ingham–Abergowrie Road is a rural road with an average annual daily traffic count of 563 vehicles. The five-year crash history shows there have been three reportable crashes, including one fatal, one being admitted to hospital and one receiving medical treatment. Investigations found that road features were not considered as contributing factors on the three reportable crashes.

In the first quarter of each year, TMR's Northern District maintenance team undertakes a district-wide full network inspection. The section of Abergowrie Road from Elphinstone Pocket Road to the Abergowrie township was assessed in January 2021 during the annual inspection. The pavement was regarded as serviceable, although some rough sections were identified. The rough surfaces have been noted for future reference in determining priorities for the district's resurfacing program. For the current financial year, prioritisation has been given to sections of roads with a high potential risk of failure in the coming wet season.

As funding is limited, consideration is given to how the available funding is allocated. Funding for infrastructure is allocated in accordance with statewide priorities. As with all projects, potential projects for this area will compete for funding against other priority infrastructure projects across the state-controlled road network.

The petitioners' concerns have been noted, and TMR's Northern District maintenance team will continue to monitor the condition of Abergowrie Road and prioritise works accordingly.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.18 billion is committed across TMR's Northern District, which is estimated to support an average of 1020 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. These upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping tail stroke extending downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads