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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3768-22 and 3792-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Anthony Perrett MP, Member for Gympie on 16 August 2022 about Tiaro Bypass access solutions for the electorates of Gympie and Maryborough.

I appreciate the concerns raised by the petitioners about the Tiaro Bypass project. The consultation process for this project has been comprehensive and has included the Bauple community since early 2019. A summary of key consultation activities for the project is attached.

Throughout this consultation process, the Bauple community has provided thorough and valuable feedback into the draft design. This feedback is currently being assessed by the project team. Community feedback is balanced against other considerations, such as project objectives, budget, outcomes of technical investigations, road safety considerations and requirements of the broader community.

The project director will have a second public meeting with the Bauple community to provide feedback on how the public comments have been assessed.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.56 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Wide Bay Burnett district, estimated to support an average of 1430 direct jobs over the life of the program.

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 Roads

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Tiaro Bypass Consultation Summary

The consultation process for the Bauple community has been the same as the consultation process for the Tiaro, Owanyilla and Talegalla Weir communities. The project team has distributed several updates to these communities at regular intervals and invited members of these communities to join the reference group for the project. Two Bauple community members are active members of the reference group. The project team has also maintained a dedicated free-call hotline and email address for the project throughout its development.

Key consultation activities are summarised below:

Date	Consultation activity	Stakeholders involved
February 2019	<p>Project update and feedback form distributed seeking feedback on the two options under investigation (bypass and existing highway upgrade).</p> <p>Feedback suggested a bypass was supported, but economic impacts on Tiaro were a significant concern. This feedback heavily influenced the consultation process and project moving forward.</p>	Bauple, Tiaro, Owanyilla and Talegalla Weir communities
November 2019	<p>Project update distributed explaining the bypass decision and the consultation process moving forward, and inviting residents to nominate to join the Tiaro Community Working Group.</p> <p>TMR received 18 nominations. All nominations were accepted. Three nominees withdrew prior to commencement of meetings. The remaining working group members comprised of a mix of residents, landowners and business owners from Tiaro and surrounds, including two Bauple community members (who remain active participants).</p>	Bauple, Tiaro, Owanyilla and Talegalla Weir communities
March 2020	The Tiaro Community Working Group was formed (with two Bauple community members) and commenced meetings and workshops with TMR and Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) to provide input into the bypass design on behalf of the community, and to develop a community plan for Tiaro.	Tiaro Community Working Group members (including two Bauple community members)

	FCRC will also be developing a Community Plan with Bauple. The Tiaro Community Plan was fast-tracked in recognition of the direct economic impact of the bypass on Tiaro, and to enable Tiaro to position itself to realise its social and economic potential in a post-bypass environment.	
September 2020	Project Update distributed presenting the highway alignment within the bypass corridor study area, explaining how the alignment had been selected, and advising of the next steps for the project.	Bauple, Tiaro, Owanyilla and Talegalla Weir communities
December 2021	Project Update distributed showcasing the draft concept design and providing contact information for feedback and enquiries.	Bauple, Tiaro, Owanyilla and Talegalla Weir communities
July 2022	Community information sessions held on 22, 23 and 24 July 2022.	Bauple, Tiaro, Owanyilla and Talegalla Weir communities

In addition to the above broad community consultation activities, the project team has met with both the Tiaro Chamber of Commerce and the Bauple Progress Association, at their requests. The project team also attended a public meeting in Bauple in June 2022 to explain the design and respond to questions and arranged follow-up meetings with stakeholders that the Bauple community identified as their preferred representatives (Councillor Denis Chapman and Tony Perrett MP).