



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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

I refer to petition 3809-22 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Boothman MP, Member for Theodore on 29 November 2022, about the need to find an appropriate location for the repositioning of the Upper Coomera Cenotaph as part of the upgrade to the intersection of Tamborine–Oxenford Road and Charlies Crossing Road North.

I am advised that Mr Boothman met with Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) officers on 5 December 2022 to discuss this matter. TMR is proposing to upgrade the intersection of Tamborine–Oxenford Road and Charlies Crossing Road North. Signalising this intersection will make it safer for residents to enter and exit Charlies Crossing Road North, as well as allow pedestrians to safely cross Tamborine–Oxenford Road to access shops and services.

Upgrading the intersection requires the World War I Upper Coomera War Memorial to be relocated from the intersection. I acknowledge that the memorial is a place of local heritage significance and is listed on the Gold Coast local heritage register.

TMR officers have been working with Gold Coast City Council (GCCC), the custodians of the memorial and the Rotary Club of Coomera Valley—the community custodians—to determine a suitable relocation site. Numerous sites were considered including Rotary’s preferred location to the park land, which sits near the Coomera River. This location was excluded due to potential flooding and inability to provide safe vehicle access. Other suggested locations were ruled out due to the distance from the memorial site.

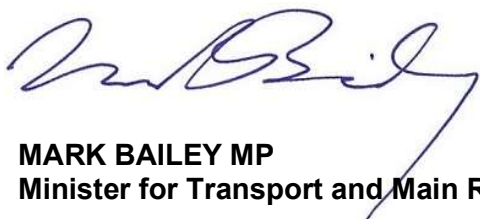
TMR and GCCC have agreed the preferred site for relocating the memorial is Little Charles Crossing Park, a triangle land parcel owned by GCCC, adjacent to the intersection. The relocation will be undertaken in accordance with the Conservation Management plan for the memorial (prepared by GCCC with assistance from the Rotary Club), which has been prepared in accordance with the Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites Burra Charter, 2013.

A landscape architect has been engaged to prepare a draft relocation plan for the memorial. TMR officers will share this concept with the custodians of the memorial (council and the Rotary Club of Coomera Valley) in the first quarter of 2023. Wider community consultation regarding the memorial relocation and intersection upgrade will be undertaken in the second quarter of 2023.

Please be assured that TMR will continue to approve closing a section of Tamborine–Oxenford Road for Anzac Day services.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**