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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 3839-22 and 3833-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jon Krause MP, Member for Scenic Rim on 30 November 2022, about upgrading of the causeway on Warrill View Peak Crossing Road on the entrance to Harrisville.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) acknowledges the significant impact of the extreme wet weather events of the past two years on many communities across Queensland, both rural and urban. I appreciate the challenges experienced by the Harrisville community during severe wet weather events, however, there is no funding allocated in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2022–23 to 2025–26* to upgrade this causeway.

I am advised that, while the concrete causeway has experienced flooding in previous wet weather events, TMR investigations established that the causeway was not damaged. Therefore, it would not be eligible for an upgrade when prioritised against more severely impacted locations across Queensland.

However, in the interest of improving road safety, TMR has scheduled rehabilitation of the pavement either side of the causeway as part of the Natural Disaster Program. Assistance will be provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement.

In addition to this, TMR has been working with Scenic Rim Regional Council to address the causeway's drainage issues. I am advised the drainage issue is compounded by a natural spring in a neighbouring property that results in a continual flow of water over the causeway. While TMR has undertaken comprehensive drainage channel works to reduce water pooling and filling the causeway, the constant flow of water will continue until the natural spring has dried and stops flowing.

TMR will continue to monitor the function of the causeway to ensure the safety of road users.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *QTRIP 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, \$5.194 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4300 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', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads