

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3819-22 and 3838-22 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House on 29 November 2022, about the maintenance of the road seal and verges of Maleny–Kenilworth Road between Maleny township and Curramore Road, Witta.

I can advise that the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) maintenance contractor regularly inspects all state-controlled roads, including Maleny–Kenilworth Road, and any identified safety issues are repaired as quickly as possible to provide a safe environment for motorists and other road users. Additionally, TMR regularly reviews its forward program to identify key priorities and future upgrades on the state-controlled road network as part of this review process.

The TMR maintenance contractor recently completed shoulder pothole repairs to rectify issues on sections of the road shoulder along Maleny–Kenilworth Road, Cambroon. In addition, in December 2022, a large pavement repair was undertaken along a 500-metre section of Maleny–Kenilworth Road, between Mary River Bridge Road and Booloumba Creek Road, Cambroon.

In relation to more substantial resurfacing or rehabilitation works, I am pleased to advise that detailed design is now complete to widen and seal two sections of Maleny– Kenilworth Road in the Conondale and Cambroon areas providing a sealed lane and shoulder in both directions. Further information about this project is available on TMR's website at: https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/maleny-kenilworth-road-cambroon-various-locations-widen-pavement.

TMR will also be undertaking slope stabilisation works on a 60-metre section of the rock fill embankment on the eastbound side of Maleny–Kenilworth Road near Bakers Road, Elaman Creek. These works will stabilise the embankment that runs parallel to Maleny–Kenilworth Road, improving the stability of the roadside batter slope, reducing the likelihood of future land slips at this location. This will provide a safer road surface for motorists. TMR will notify the community and the local electorate office, prior to the commencement of works.

TMR is committed to maintaining Maleny–Kenilworth Road and will continue to undertake any required repairs in accordance with the maintenance level of service to ensure the road remains in a safe condition for the benefit of all road users. Additionally, Maleny– Kenilworth Road may be considered for more substantial treatments in the future.

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, \$3.079 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2700 direct jobs over the life of the program. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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MARK BAILEY MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads