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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 3876-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Trevor Watts MP, Member for Toowoomba North on 18 April 2023 about a second connection road between Toowoomba and Highfields.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recently completed consultation with key stakeholders on a new north-south transport connection corridor and included a wide range of industry groups, significant regional businesses, state and local government staff and elected representatives—including the Member for Toowoomba North. All key stakeholders were invited to provide information to inform planning for the future transport needs of the Toowoomba community.

TMR is now undertaking a transport planning project which aims to protect a future state-controlled transport corridor. This planning includes a limited review of the infrastructure needs on the supporting road networks, including local government roads such as Boundary Street.

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, approximately \$785.5 million is committed across TMR's Darling Downs District, estimated to support an average of 870 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
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