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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3880-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 9 May 2023 about a full upgrade of the Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45).

The Palaszczuk Government has committed over \$2.96 billion in joint funding to a program of M1 upgrades in Logan and the Gold Coast to improve safety, increase capacity and provide a consistent standard of road.

The recently completed \$20 million safety upgrade of the southbound off-ramp at Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45) has greatly improved safety for motorists by reducing queuing on the M1.

I can advise that \$1.5 million has been allocated in the indicative years of the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2022–23 to 2025–26* on a 50:50 federal:state basis by the Australian and Queensland governments to undertake planning for a full upgrade of Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45). Once this planning has been completed, the Queensland Government will consider opportunities to fund a future upgrade of the Ormeau Interchange, in partnership with the Australian Government, as part of future QTRIP development and national partnering agreements.

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 the Department of Transport and Main Roads 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'.

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