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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2004 forwarding a copy of petitions received by the House on 25 November 2004 regarding the sandstone abutments of the Heiner Road Overpass, North Ipswich.

The Heiner Road Overpass was identified as significant in the 1992 Ipswich City Heritage Study and was nominated to the Queensland Heritage Register on 21 November 1993. As the current Riverlink Development proposal threatened to impact on the Overpass, Environmental Protection Agency heritage officers and Queensland Heritage Council representatives met with the developer's representatives on several occasions to discuss the proposal and examine options to accommodate the location's heritage values.

Following the call-in of the project on unrelated issues by the Honourable Tony McGrady MP, Minister for State Development and Innovation, it was decided that the stone abutments would be carefully buried under the development and preserved in perpetuity. Recent attempts to explore other solutions did not produce an achievable alternative. Work has now commenced on the Riverlink Development project.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Local Government and Planning
Minister for Women