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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 6 October 2005 providing a copy of petitions received by the House on 28 September 2005 regarding saving the Hornibrook Bridge.

The Department of Main Roads is currently investigating options for the future management of the bridge as part of the Houghton Highway Duplication Project.

As it is entered in the Queensland Heritage Register, the Department of Main Roads must give the Queensland Heritage Council a report on any proposed development of the bridge, in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*. After considering the proposal, the Heritage Council will make a recommendation to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, who will then decide whether the proposal is to be carried out.

The Department of Main Roads has already consulted the Environmental Protection Agency on several occasions and is preparing further information regarding the condition of the bridge and management options for further discussion.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

**Desley Boyle MP**  
**Minister for Environment**  
**Minister for Local Government and Planning**  
**Minister for Women**