



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Our ref: MC17973;MC17974

Your ref: 589-05;590-05

Minister for  
Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Legislative Assembly Offices  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

**Re: Petition Nos 589-05 and 590-05 - Gateway Motorway**

I refer to the petitions lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Caltabiano MP, Member for Chatsworth, on 23 November 2005 about a proposed access ramp from the Gateway Motorway at Hendra to the TradeCoast Central development site.

This issue was first raised with my office by Ms Liddy Clark MP, Member for Clayfield, in September 2005 when she made representations on behalf of her concerned constituents.

TradeCoast Central is a joint venture involving Brisbane City Council, as owner of the old airport site at Eagle Farm, and Prime Development Corporation Ltd. An application for development approval was lodged on 16 May 2005 with Brisbane City Council and deferred by council to Parsons Brinckerhoff as an independent assessment manager.

The development application was referred to the Department of Main Roads for its concurrence agency response and Main Roads provided its response on 19 October 2005. Main Roads specifically did not approve indicative drawings forming part of the development application, showing a proposed interchange with the Gateway Motorway from the development.

Ms Clark also arranged for representatives from Main Roads and the Coordinator-General's office to attend a public meeting about this issue on Friday, 21 October 2005. I am advised that Ms Clark restated at this meeting that Main Roads specifically did not approve the proposed interchange.

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I subsequently met with Ms Clark on 27 October 2005, at which time she reiterated her concerns and those of her constituents.

Further, Main Roads concurrence agency response stated that no access would be considered until after the Gateway Upgrade Project is completed, which is expected in 2011. The \$1.6bn project includes duplication of the Gateway Bridge and is a major undertaking that will improve the safety and efficiency of the regional road network.

The assessment manager is required to consider traffic and amenity impacts of proposed developments as part of its assessment of any development application, including for the present application, the indicative interchange.

The TradeCoast Central development application has not yet been decided by Brisbane City Council. In this regard, I have referred the petitions to council as the assessment manager and joint-development applicant, for its consideration and direct response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Lucas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**PAUL LUCAS MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**