



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Our ref: MC18186

Your ref: 594-05

Minister for
Transport and Main Roads

23 DEC 2005

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

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No. 594-05: Maleny-Kenilworth Road at Conondale

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 30 November 2005 by Ms Carolyn Male MP, Member for Glass House, about the Maleny-Kenilworth Road at Conondale.

The petition relates to a 14km section of the Maleny-Kenilworth Road between Conondale and Little Yabba Creek. There is about 9km of single-lane road and about 5km of narrow two-lane road.

Since 2001, the Queensland government has spent \$1.7m widening 4km of the road to two lanes. In the recently released Roads Implementation Program 2005-06 to 2009-10, there are indicative allocations totalling \$8m for two projects to rehabilitate and widen 5.7km to two lanes with sealed shoulders.

Further rehabilitation and widening projects on the remaining sections of single-lane road will be considered for funding in future reviews of the Roads Implementation Program. This will depend on the availability of future funds and the priority of the projects compared with other projects on the State-controlled Road Network.

I am advised in the past five years, there have been no traffic crashes on the single-lane sections. There have been eight crashes and all were on the sections with two lanes and sealed shoulders. None of the crashes have been attributed to the road conditions.

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Three crashes involved motor cycles that ran off the road. Three crashes involved motor cycles colliding with other motor cycles in the same group. All the motor cycles involved were travelling westbound on a section of road between 1.2km and 1.6km west of Conondale. The road has crests and curves and five of the crashes were in wet weather. The other two crashes involved single cars that ran off the road. One was on a curve in wet weather and the other was overtaking another vehicle on a straight section of road.

Yours sincerely

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

PAUL LUCAS MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads