



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Your ref: 684-06

Minister for
Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Legislative Assembly Offices
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No 684-06

Request for an exit from the Centenary Highway at Sumner Park

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Caltabiano MP, Member for Chatsworth, on 9 June 2006 requesting a second exit south east of the Sumner Park Industrial Estate directly onto the Centenary Highway.

The federal government has provided \$320m to upgrade the Ipswich Motorway from Wacol to Darra, including a major reconstruction of the Centenary Highway interchange. As a consequence, it is expected that additional lanes will be needed along the Centenary Highway between the Ipswich Motorway and Sumners Road. A likely outcome of this upgrade is that the existing Bullockhead Street off-ramp will need to be closed. This will be done to provide for safe weaving movements along this section of the highway.

A new northbound on-ramp along the Centenary Highway near Bullockhead Street would also not be feasible. The proposed northbound Bullockhead Street on-ramp, the Sumners Road northbound off-ramp and Centenary Highway interchange off-ramps would be too close together.

The preferred long-term solution to provide a second exit for this industrial estate would be to pursue the construction of Wolston Road. This would provide a connection between Spine Street and Wacol Station Road. Alternatively, Brisbane City Council may have other long-term proposals to provide connections to this area. An additional access to the Centenary Highway is not a viable solution.

Planning layouts for the Ipswich Motorway upgrade project (Wacol to Darra) are currently available for viewing and may be downloaded from the Department of Main Roads website by visiting www.mainroads@qld.gov.au Projects > Road > South East Queensland Region > Metropolitan. The Queensland Government preference is for the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway.

Yours sincerely

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