

Hon. Paul Lucas MP

Our ref: MC24790 Your ref: 697-06

27 SEP 2006

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

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No. 697-06 - Pacific Motorway Transit Project bus station at Paradise Road Principal Petitioner: Mr Doug Bennett

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Caltabiano, former Member for Chatsworth, on 8 August 2006 about the proposed bus station on the south side of Paradise Road as part of the Pacific Motorway Transit Project.

Draft plans for the project were on display for community feedback for 11 weeks from April to June 2006. Members of the project team spoke personally with a number of local residents about the impact of the bus station and its connection to Springfield Crescent. Safety, traffic and security concerns were taken very seriously by the project team which, together with TransLink, has investigated alternatives.

The project team has altered the plans and the walkway which was initially to go through Springfield Crescent has been removed. The team is also actively engaging in consultation with the principal petitioner, Mr Doug Bennett and other local residents, to provide updates and further developments.

The plans are currently being refined and the project team aims to finalise planning later this year. Construction of the project is dependent upon matched funding from the federal government.

Yours sincerely

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