



**Warren Pitt MP**  
Member for Mulgrave



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**Minister for Main Roads and  
Local Government**

Your ref: 923-07

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
Cnr Alice and George Streets  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition No. 923-07 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, on 11 October 2007, about the need to upgrade sections of Nambour - Mapleton Road and prioritise the upgrade of an unofficial pull-off lane.

The Department of Main Roads advises it has commenced planning for pavement rehabilitation and widening of a section of Nambour - Mapleton Road from Willandra Place to Mapleton. The Roads Implementation Program 2007-08 to 2011-12 (RIP) includes an indicative forward allocation of \$3.1m for this project.

Main Roads has engaged consultant, SMEC Australia Pty Ltd, to undertake planning for this work.

The scope of the project will include:

- pavement rehabilitation
- pavement widening to provide sealed shoulders
- safety improvements to intersections
- other minor improvements such as the construction of bus stops.

I am advised that to convert the existing unofficial pull-off area on the approach to Mapleton into a climbing lane which complies with current safety standards, major earthworks, service relocations and possible land resumptions would be involved. Terminating the additional climbing lane at the entrance to Mapleton would also create a number of safety and engineering concerns that may result in further and quite significant impacts and costs.

I am further advised that towards Mapleton, the Nambour - Mapleton Road carries less than 4 000 vehicles per day. There is an existing westbound overtaking lane near Dulong. Compared with many other state-controlled roads in the Sunshine Coast area, the priority for providing a further overtaking or climbing lane on the Nambour - Mapleton Road is low.

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The \$3.1m project currently programmed on Nambour - Mapleton Road is essential to reinstate the ageing pavement and to improve safety by sealing shoulders and upgrading intersections. These works also have a higher priority than the construction of a second westbound climbing lane.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Warren Pitt MP  
**Minister for Main Roads**