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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 4393-26 and 4470-26, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 25 March 2026 about the Banyan Creek Crossing, locally known as 'Whittings Crossing', on Tully–Mission Beach Road.

The Crisafulli Government remains committed to delivering a state-controlled road network that is efficient, productive, reliable, and safe. Acknowledging the failure of the former Labor Government during their decade of decline, the need to work to restore the chronic underinvestment in our road network is vital, especially in regional areas.

To that extent, I recognise the significant impacts flooding can have on individuals, businesses and communities. I also acknowledge the community's ongoing concerns regarding road safety and access in the Cassowary Coast Regional Council (CCRC) area, and the importance of restoring connectivity as quickly as possible following heavy rainfall events.

In response to recent wet season weather, the Department of Transport and Main Roads worked quickly to identify hazards and reinstate safe travel conditions across the CCRC area, including both roads into Mission Beach.

Emergency repairs were carried out under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)—a joint Australian and Queensland government funding program to provide disaster relief and recovery payments and infrastructure restoration to help communities recover from the effects of natural disasters. Damage assessments were undertaken in accordance with DRFA requirements. This included on-site inspections and photographic records to support repair prioritisation and disaster recovery funding claims.

My department will continue to engage with CCRC, emergency services and local stakeholders to monitor conditions on Tully–Mission Beach Road and ensure community feedback is considered as part of future planning and investment decisions, with any future upgrades, such as at the two-land bridge at Banyan Creek, subject to future considerations and Budget processes.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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