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Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Our ref: PET 26254

Your ref: A322451

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2931-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 May 2018 about requesting a privately funded and tolled bridge to North Stradbroke Island from the mainland via Russell Island.

As has been previously conveyed to Ms Gertrude Joyce Webb (Principal Petitioner), the Queensland Government acknowledges there is local demand for alternative access to the Moreton Bay islands, including Stradbroke Island. The construction of a bridge to meet this demand, however, requires extensive investigation and significant investment before construction can commence. The current patronage of the Stradbroke Ferries does not warrant the cost that a 3.5 kilometre bridge would incur, even if it is subsidised with tolls. Nevertheless, a proponent may wish to consider progressing the proposed project within the Market-Led Proposals (MLP) framework.

The MLP framework is a signature initiative of the Palaszczuk Government's economic plan to create jobs and stimulate the economy. It is a way to harness good ideas, private sector funding and entrepreneurship, and make projects that benefit Queenslanders by contracting exclusively with proponents, rather than through a competitive tender process.

The staged and interactive assessment process makes it easy for proponents to test their ideas with government. Since writing to Ms Webb, back in April 2017, the primary responsibility for administering MLP has been transferred to the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP).

As a result, information about the MLP framework can now be found at DSDMIP's website www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au by clicking on (1) 'Industry Development' and (2) 'Market-Led Proposals'. Should you wish to discuss your proposal further, please contact the DSDMIP MLP team by telephone on 3035 3133 or by email at marketledproposals@treasury.qld.gov.au

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As part of the *North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy* the Palaszczuk Government is progressing a study to assess options to improve public transport on and to the island. The *North Stradbroke Island Public Transport Study* will identify and evaluate options to improve public transport infrastructure, services and connections for residents and tourists.

Following a recent public transport survey, results are being analysed to identify possible transport improvement options.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads