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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2934-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Sandy Bolton MP, Member for Noosa, on 16 May 2018 about Six Mile Creek Bridge on Kin Kin Road, Pomona.

Six Mile Creek Bridge is a single-lane, timber structure earmarked for future replacement. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has undertaken preliminary planning for the replacement of the bridge, however, there is currently no funding allocated to progress detailed design and construction of this project.

In 2015–16, TMR undertook a signage and linemarking assessment of all narrow and one-lane bridges within its North Coast District, to determine if there were improvements that could be made to enhance safety at these bridges. The review concluded that signage at Six Mile Creek Bridge was at a high standard, with a number of signs on the bridge and its approaches warning motorists to slow down and give way. Following the assessment, the 'Give Way' sign was upgraded to include a reflective orange backing board, to further increase motorists' awareness.

Additionally, improvements to linemarking and delineation on Six Mile Creek Bridge and vegetation clearing to improve visibility on the approach to the bridge are included in a \$1 million project funded by the Palaszczuk Government's Targeted Road Safety Program to boost safety on Kin Kin Road, through the Pomona, Pinbarren and Kin Kin areas. The project commenced late November 2017 and it is anticipated to be completed by early June 2018, weather permitting.

I am advised that a review of the available recorded (injury related) crash data in the last five years from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) indicates that there is no crash history at Six Mile Creek Bridge relating to the narrow bridge. However, there is a delay in data available from QPS and it does not include near misses or property damage, only crashes.

The impact that road closures, due to weather events, have on communities is acknowledged. TMR aims to carefully manage road and bridge closures to ensure the safety of road users, avoid permanent damage to infrastructure, and to minimise disruptions to motorists. Once water recedes low enough to clearly see the underside of the bridge, it is inspected to look for any damage water may have caused to ensure that the bridge is structurally sound and safe before it is reopened to motorists.

The replacement of Six Mile Creek Bridge will compete for funding against other priority infrastructure projects across Queensland in yearly reviews of the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program*. In the meantime, TMR will continue to monitor the bridge, and undertake inspections and repairs to ensure it is safe for road users.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Bailey', written in a cursive style.

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