



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports
Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply

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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2611-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Furner MP, Member for Ferny Grove on 29 November 2016 about the closure of the Wanimo Street gate entrance to the Gallipoli Barracks (the barracks) and traffic congestion along Samford Road.

The Department of Defence (DoD) remains responsible for the ongoing redevelopment of the barracks, together with internal layout and operation of the Wanimo Street and Samford Road gates. I agree the closure of the Wanimo Street gate by DoD at the end of May 2016 has altered the travel experience for residents living in the surrounding suburbs, in addition to those who use the Samford Road corridor. Although the closure of the gate was a well-intentioned change implemented by DoD to address concerns of local residents living near the barracks, as was the decision to reopen the gate between 3pm and 6pm Monday to Friday from 27 October 2016, the adverse traffic impacts caused as a direct result of these changes are significant.

The traffic impacts brought about by DoD's changes to the operation of its gates, including the restrictions of the Wanimo Street gate, means that a significant number of vehicles are now using Samford Road through some of the surrounding intersections, particularly at Pickering Street, and Taylors and Osborne Roads. Travel times have increased significantly during the morning and afternoon peak periods since changes to the gates were implemented. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has adjusted traffic signals to mitigate the effects of these changes and is investigating further measures to alleviate congestion along Samford Road. The efficacy of these measures is ultimately dependent on constraints related to the corridor itself.

TMR appreciates the concerns raised by the petitioners and their comments have been noted. Officers from TMR will continue to liaise with DoD personnel regarding traffic impacts from these changes.

Yours sincerely

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