



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries
and Marine Infrastructure**

Our ref: PP1763-11

Your ref: Petitions

19 SEP 2011

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear ~~Mr~~ ^{Neil} Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1763-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Shane Knuth MP, Member for Dalrymple on 6 September 2011. The petition is about a request for mining trucks travelling between Kagara Ltd's Baal Gammon project, located approximately 5 km west of Herberton, and their Mount Garnet processing plant site, to bypass the main street of Herberton.

I note the concerns raised by the residents of Herberton and surrounding districts and the request to designate an alternative route away from the main street of Herberton.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises discussion with Kagara Ltd and Tablelands Regional Council is underway regarding proposed haulage routes between Herberton and Mount Garnet. A key focus of these discussions is road safety and the potential impact of the mining trucks.

I can assure you that the department will work with Kagara Ltd and council to address the issues raised by the community.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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