



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PP1842-11

Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1842-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Barbara Stone, former Member for Springwood on 17 May 2012, about the upgrade of the Pacific Motorway between Eight Mile Plains and Logan Motorway.

I can advise construction on the \$422 million upgrade of the section of motorway between Springwood (south) and Daisy Hill is well underway and on schedule for major works to be completed mid 2012. The upgrade will provide motorists with a new Loganlea Road interchange and bridge, improvements to the Paradise Road roundabout, improved on- and off-ramps, refurbished motorway with provision for future lane upgrades, cycle/pedestrian facilities and a new Park 'n' Ride.

I can also advise due to funding restraints and prioritisation, the upgrade is not being delivered in whole sections. It is being delivered in strategic priority stages to make the best use of available funding to address congestion and safety issues.

I can further advise the next strategic stage to be delivered is Gateway Upgrade South Stage 2 (GUS) which is due to start in early 2013. GUS 2 consists of three areas of construction delivered in two separate projects valued at \$140 million.

In relation to the Pacific Motorway, GUS 2 will provide an upgrade and extension of the Gateway Motorway southbound on-ramp to the Pacific Motorway, providing motorists with more time to merge safely and improve reliability. Construction is expected to be completed mid 2014, weather permitting.

I can also advise an additional \$36 million has been allocated for the first stage of the South East Busway Extension (SEBEX). Due to their proximity, the busway extension will be delivered together with the upgrade of the Gateway Motorway southbound on-ramp to the Pacific Motorway.

The busway extension project provides grade separation for buses under the Gateway Motorway and over the Pacific Motorway on-ramp, greatly improving travel time reliability on this sector.

Concurrently, the final design for the construction of an auxiliary lane from Fitzgerald Avenue, Rochedale, through to Chatswood Road, Springwood is also underway. This project, valued at \$32.31 million, is currently with the federal government for funding consideration.

I can further advise the department is currently procuring resources for Commonwealth Games infrastructure planning, however does not, at this time, have any additional funding for the delivery of projects on the Pacific Motorway through Logan City.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Emerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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