



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2185-13 and 2098-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Trevor Ruthenberg MP, Member for Kallangur on 31 October 2013 about renaming Anzac Avenue to Anzac Memorial Avenue.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would need to undertake an assessment of the relevance and appropriateness of the name change, whether it would be acceptable to the community, and the costs associated with the change.

The cost of implementing a road name change would be considerable. It involves changing signs (including route markers), changing references in departmental records and those that exist at federal, state and local government level, and changing documents and publications, including those held by external mapping agencies.

TMR would need to carry out consultation with the wider community, including but not limited to: state members of parliament, local governments, progress associations, industry bodies and community organisations. Consideration would need to be given to the significant impacts that a change of address would have on businesses, residents and other stakeholders. For example, all businesses along Anzac Avenue would have to change their addresses and this would involve significant costs and disruption.

I can assure you that there would need to be strong and widespread public support before a name change was agreed.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads