



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET11614

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2160-13 and 2178-13 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Trevor Ruthenberg MP, Member for Kallangur on 15 October 2013, about the preferred alignment of the West Petrie Bypass being proposed at Young's Crossing by Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC).

MBRC has been investigating route options in light of semi-regular flood and dam water release impacts, peak hour congestion and performance issues at Young's Crossing. On 30 July 2013, MBRC resolved to seek a significant majority of the funding for the construction of the West Petrie Bypass from the Queensland and Australian Governments.

Petitioners' concerns relate to potential impacts of MBRC's preferred alignment on the amenity and natural setting of North Pine Country Park as well as on the viability of businesses during and after construction of this road. They request that the Queensland Government reject MBRC's request for funding to improve this local government road. To date, the Queensland Government has not received a formal request from MBRC to contribute to the project.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is commencing a planning study to determine strategic network benefits and impacts of road improvement options in the west Moreton corridor between Caboolture to Brendale. Options for the alignment of the West Petrie Bypass will be considered as part of this study over the next year. TMR is therefore not in a position to consider MBRC's proposals until benefits and costs (including community impacts) have been assessed and priorities for the corridor determined.

Yours sincerely

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