

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2938-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Nikki Boyd MP, Member for Pine Rivers on 21 August 2018 about the upgrade of the Linkfield Road–Telegraph Road overpass at Bald Hills.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recognises the Linkfield Road overpass experiences congestion during peak periods. Consequently, TMR has completed planning work to identify preferred options for a proposed Linkfield/Gympie Roads interchange, to enhance capacity and improve safety for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. Funding for this major upgrade will be considered as part of annual development of the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program consistent with other competing statewide priorities and available funds.

Due to the Linkfield Road overpass connecting with Telegraph Road, which is a Brisbane City Council (BCC) road, any upgrade will need to be coordinated with BCC to ensure alignment with local road network and investment plans, so that state and local road interfaces are appropriately managed.

In the interim, the Queensland Government has allocated \$2.228 million to provide a dedicated left-turn slip lane from Linkfield Road to the northbound lanes on Gympie Arterial Road. This will provide additional capacity at this location. Further, TMR will continue to liaise with BCC in relation to the local road network and investment plans, to ensure a coordinated approach.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads