



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3117-19 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Nick Dametto MP, Member for Hinchinbrook on 11 June 2019 about the need to expedite work on repairing the Alice River Bridge west of Townsville.

I am pleased to advise that reconstruction works at the Alice River Bridge on Hervey Range Road have now been completed.

I visited the bridge on 26 April 2019, after it was severely damaged by floodwaters during the monsoonal rainfall event. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) initially estimated that repairs could take up to six months to complete due to the extent of damage and complex nature of the repairs.

However, crews made excellent progress on site and were able to reopen the bridge to traffic on 26 June 2019. I was pleased to be able to inspect those works on 26 June 2019 with the Member for Thuringowa and was impressed by the repairs completed ahead of schedule.

TMR recognises the impact this closure has had on the surrounding community and would like to thank residents, businesses and motorists for their patience while these essential reconstruction works were completed.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MARK BAILEY', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**