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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3182-19 and 3137-19, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 20 August 2019 about opening an existing road bridge at Pimpama.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering more than \$2.4 billion in roads and transport for the Gold Coast, including a range of projects on the Northern Gold Coast, and surrounds over the next four years.

The Palaszczuk Government has already delivered the \$74 million Exit 54 interchange upgrade at Coomera and commenced construction this month of the \$25 million Oxenford Exit 57 interchange upgrade.

The Palaszczuk Government is undertaking the necessary planning for upgrades to Exit 41 at Yatala and Exit 49 at Pimpama and has contributed \$96.3 million towards construction in the Government's *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2019–20 to 2022–23*. We have committed our 50 per cent share of funding for both these exits and are negotiating with the Federal Government to contribute the remaining share of its funding of \$46.3 million.

The Palaszczuk Government's \$120 million election commitment, confirmed in this year's budget, to build three new stations for the Gold Coast, including at Pimpama, is locked in, with planning now underway.

The State is also planning upgrades to park 'n' rides at Varsity Lakes, Ormeau and Coomera too, so there is a strong pipeline of transport infrastructure and jobs coming for the Gold Coast.

The Palaszczuk Government has secured two major M1 upgrades between Mudgeeraba and Tugun, put \$351 million on the table to deliver Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3A and is doing the necessary planning for the Coomera Connector (second M1) - all after delivering Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2, \$160 million of pre-Commonwealth Games road upgrades, and duplicating heavy rail from Helensvale to Coomera.

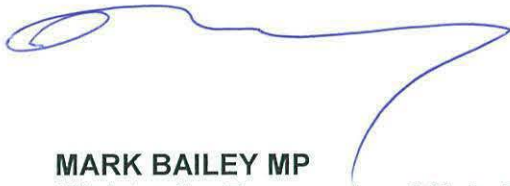
A record 182 million trips were taken on public transport across the south east last year, and together with the \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail project, which will unlock opportunities for more frequent services, these projects will encourage even more Gold Coasters to take the train.

Specifically in relation to the road bridge, Queensland Rail agreed in principle on 4 July 2019 to transfer ownership of the road bridge, known locally as the Gainsborough Greens Bridge, to the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC). Once the transfer takes effect, GCCC will become fully responsible for the ownership, maintenance and operations of the bridge.

GCCC is currently arranging a contract to upgrade the bridge to meet legislative and structural standards, which are required to open the bridge as a public road bridge. Queensland Rail has approved the bridge/road upgrade design and work methodology, provided by GCCC, relevant to the safe operation of the railway. Any further enquiries should be directed to GCCC.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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