

Hon Craig Wallace MP Member for Thuringowa Our ref:

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Petitions

5 September 2011

Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000



Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition Received by the Queensland Legislative Assemble Nos. 1740-11 and

1714-11 about Seeking Temporary Closure of Ardentallen Road, Enoggera at its

Intersection with Lloyd Street

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 August 2011 regarding the petition to the Lord Mayor of Brisbane regarding the closure of local streets near the Lloyd Street entrance to the Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera.

The streets referred to in the petition are the responsibility of Brisbane City Council and I understand that the Member for Ashgrove, Kate Jones, has provided the petition to the Lord Mayor on your behalf. While the closure of these local streets is a decision for council the state government's concept plan for the Samford Road and Wardell Street Intersection upgrade, has proposed a number of measures that will help reduce traffic volume in Ardentallen Road.

The concept plan released by the Department of Main Roads includes a significant upgrade to the intersection encouraging more motorists to use the main road and not use local streets as well as improvements to the Wardell and Lloyd Street intersection. It also includes a new median strip along Samford Road so traffic cannot turn right into Ardentallen Road.

Significantly, Main Roads is also working with the Department of Defence to plan a new access to the base from Samford Road at Imbros Street. I am advised that the Department of Defence is now meeting with Main Roads and the Brisbane City Council to progress this new permanent entrance, which will help reduce the number of vehicles using other streets to enter the barracks.

I am also advised that Kate Jones MP will be meeting with the Department of Defence in the near future to discuss their plans and ensure that the concerns of local residents are heard.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Craig Wallace MP

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