



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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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 number 2926-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark Boothman MP, Member for Theodore on 21 August 2018 about the installation of solar panels on the western side of the Pacific Motorway (M1) at the Oxenford Interchange (Exit 57).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) completed the installation of the solar panels in June 2018. The solar panels are helping to offset the cost of power used to light the M1 underpass at the interchange. The installation of solar panels and the upgrade to Exit 57 are two separate projects. The Queensland Government has committed \$25 million for the upgrade of Exit 57.

The project is now entering the design phase and will improve safety for the motorway off-ramp traffic movements by reducing queuing from the motorway to the interchange. Design options may include the installation of a slip-lane on the western side of the M1. If the final design and construction impacts on the current location of the solar panels, TMR will consider their reuse and relocation to another parcel of TMR land nearby as appropriate.

Construction of the interchange upgrade is due to commence in late 2019.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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