



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2761-17 and 2798-17 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera, on 8 and 9 August 2017 about the need to upgrade the Pacific Motorway (M1) Yatala South Interchange (Exit 41).

The Palaszczuk Government is aware that ongoing rapid industrial and residential development in the northern Gold Coast area is adding pressure to already busy M1 interchanges, which has been compounded by the lack of investment by the previous LNP Government.

In response to this, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently conducting planning studies for short- and long-term upgrades of various interchanges on the M1, including at Exit 41. The primary objective of this planning is to identify solutions that increase the safety of off-ramp queueing at these interchanges. This planning includes taking into consideration traffic flows through and around the interchanges, as well as connecting road planning by the City of Gold Coast.

With regards to Exit 41, TMR is currently investigating a number of upgrades as part of this planning including duplicating the overpass, the provision of additional lanes for both the southbound and northbound off ramps, and as requested in the petition, separating the on/off ramps and bridge crossing traffic onto the service roads.

In the interim, TMR recently installed roundabout metering at Exit 41 to reduce the identified safety risk associated with traffic queueing back onto the through lanes of the M1 at peak times.

In line with previous major interchange upgrades completed on the M1, construction of future upgrades to Exit 41 will require federal and state funding to be agreed.

I thank the petitioners for their interest in this important issue.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports