



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Queensland
Government**

Our ref: PP1477-10

Your ref: Petitions

**Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries
and Marine Infrastructure**

10 MAR 2011

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


Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1477-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Aidan McLindon MP, Member for Beaudesert on 16 February 2011, about a Boonah to Kooralbyn Connection Road.

I am advised while the Department of Transport and Main Roads acknowledges the interest in developing and supporting the local area and the benefits of such a development, the department has no plans to upgrade the road between Boonah and Kooralbyn, based on the following criteria:

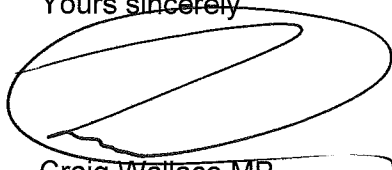
- the existing road does not currently provide any strategic function for a state-controlled road network in the longer term
- the road alignment is not optimal for an upgrade and would require significant resources, funding and land acquisition to meet the required standards
- the road between Beaudesert and Boonah performs the function of a strategic connector to the north and carries a relatively low volume of traffic
- the road between Boonah and Rathdowney performs the function of a strategic connector to the south and also carries a relatively low volume of traffic.

I am further advised the department seeks to provide the best possible outcomes within available resources across the entire state to ensure the safety of motorists and the most efficient and effective strategic development of the road network within those constraints. As such, there are many competing priorities over the coming years which demand a higher priority at this time.

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You may wish to contact Scenic Rim Regional Council or the Department of Infrastructure and Planning who may be able to assist and advise you in relation to potential options for the development.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

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and Marine Infrastructure**