



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports  
Minister for Energy and Water Supply

Our ref: PET 15676

Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2442-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Sid Cramp MP, Member for Gaven on 13 October 2015 about the need to incorporate a dedicated left turn lane from Binstead Way onto the Pacific Motorway (M1), northbound at Pacific Pines.

This intersection was opened in 2000 with its current lane configuration of a short dedicated left turn lane from Binstead Way to the M1 at the Exit 62 interchange. Since then, ongoing development in the Pacific Pines and Maudsland area has significantly increased traffic using Binstead Way.

I understand that the intersection operates slightly over capacity during peak hours of the day with long queues along the Binstead Way approach in the morning. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has observed that this queuing lasts for about 30 minutes and is similar to many other intersections on the Gold Coast during the morning or afternoon peak hours.

While extending the existing left turn lane along Binstead Way would likely assist in alleviating traffic congestion approaching the Exit 62 interchange, I am advised that such works would mostly be required within road corridor under the control of City of Gold Coast Council. I am therefore further advised that Council is most appropriately the responsible road authority for considering this request in more detail.

I have requested the TMR Regional Director (South Coast), Mr Paul Noonan, to forward on this petition request to City of Gold Coast for their consideration and to work with Council to seek to develop an appropriate solution.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to working with councils and has exceeded its election commitment to increase funding to the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme – the 50:50 scheme with local governments, which supports local infrastructure – with \$70 million allocated to the scheme in 2015-16.

By way of contrast, in 2012, the previous LNP government reduced TIDS funding by 37%, with \$23 million cut to TIDS funding each financial year for the term of the previous government.

For the Gold Coast City Council, the Palaszczuk Government's contribution to TIDS means a 93% increase to the funding available last financial year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bailey', written in a cursive style.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
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