

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

Our ref: PET 2622-16 and 2660-16

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 2660-16 and 2622-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jon Krause MP, Member for Beaudesert, on 2 November 2016 about the increasing congestion on Mount Lindesay Highway.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises there is a need to continue upgrading the Mount Lindesay Highway.

Since February 2015, the Palaszczuk Government has announced \$41 million of road improvements along the Mount Lindesay Highway. This includes \$26 million for the Beaudesert Town Centre Bypass, which will provide an alternative route for heavy vehicles and a number of Safer Roads Sooner projects at Gleneagle, Woodhill, Veresdale, Josephville and near the Queensland/New South Wales border.

My department's funding program includes a \$700,000 project to progress planning between Stoney Camp Road and Jimboomba over the 2016–17 and 2017–18 financial years.

This planning project will investigate options for widening the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane arterial road with limited access and service roads and strategically located signalised intersections. The planning will also investigate a staged approach to delivering the upgrades.

Please be assured the Queensland Government will continue to seek opportunities to fund future projects to increase capacity on the highway.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

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