



Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala




**Minister for Transport
and Multicultural Affairs**

Our ref: PP1777-11 / PP1832-11

Your ref: Petitions

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

Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to petition numbers 1777-11 and 1832-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 29 November 2011 about the Telegraph Road rail crossing replacement project identified by Brisbane City Council.

The Queensland Government is committed to improving safety at rail crossings in South East Queensland. In the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program, \$228.2 million has been allocated over 15 years (financial years 2005-06 to 2020-21) for the Rail Crossing Grade Separation Program. Under this program, the Queensland Government has constructed two grade separations at Beaudesert Road, Acacia Ridge and Mawhinney Street, Beerwah. Funding from the program is currently fully committed until 2015-16.

The Rail Crossing Grade Separation Program was envisaged as a co-contribution grant scheme where grade separations involved local authority roads such as Telegraph Road. I note that the Brisbane City Council has no allocation in its budget for this project until 2013-14 despite commitments from the former Lord Mayor dating back to 2003.

I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads in conjunction with Queensland Rail and council is currently conducting a cost benefit analysis to prioritise the grade separation of level crossings across South East Queensland. Telegraph Road open level crossing is currently being assessed under this analysis. The results of this analysis will assist the Queensland Government and local councils to ensure all available funding for future level crossing upgrades is allocated where it is most needed.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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