



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

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Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2396-15 and 2491-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 27 October 2015, about upgrading the Sumners Road interchange.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) can advise a planning study was conducted during 2010–2011 to investigate upgrading the Sumners Road interchange on the Centenary Motorway at Jamboree Heights.

The aim of the study was to identify possible upgrade solutions to improve connectivity to the Centenary Motorway, reduce congestion on the local road network and safely accommodate pedestrian and cycle usage.

The proposed upgrade would aid in alleviating queuing from the left-turn on the northbound Centenary Highway off ramp into Sumners Road. This would be achieved by providing priority and additional right-turn lanes and replacing the existing roundabout with a signalised intersection.

Preliminary works were originally expected to commence in the 2013–14 financial year with construction commencing the following year. However I am advised that in 2012, the construction funding for the Sumners Road Interchange Upgrade was deferred by the previous LNP government and funds re-allocated to other higher priorities.

The Queensland Government's anticipated final cost estimate for the upgrade at that time was \$63 million and this remains the case. In 2014, the proposed upgrade solution was reviewed and refined to include further benefits without increasing the proposed cost.

As with all major infrastructure projects, any further upgrades to the Centenary Motorway will compete for funding against other priority infrastructure projects across the state-controlled network.

Competition for state-wide funding has become more challenging as consequence of \$600 million having been cut from transport funding during the term of the previous government.

However, I can assure the petitioners that their concerns have been noted and that the Palaszczuk Government is committed to improving road infrastructure and traffic management across the State.

I thank the petitioners for their commitment to this important issue and I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

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