



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1897-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin on 30 May 2012, requesting the delivery date of the Beerburrum to Nambour track upgrade be brought forward with the Beerburrum to Landsborough track duplication scheduled no later than the end of 2014.

The *Queensland Infrastructure Plan* (QIP) outlines planned infrastructure projects over the next 20 years. QIP allocates funding for the expansion of the south-east Queensland rail network which includes the duplication of Beerburrum to Landsborough and Landsborough to Nambour sections.

Duplication of the track between Beerburrum and Landsborough, as identified in QIP, would be delivered by 2021 for less than \$500 million with the expected delivery of the Landsborough to Nambour section by 2031 for an estimated \$1.7 billion.

Unfortunately, for the Beerburrum to Nambour track upgrade, we cannot afford to commit to the project at this time due to Labor's projected \$100 billion debt.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads