

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3548-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Hart MP, Member for Burleigh on 31 August 2021 requesting a public meeting for Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4.

An extensive stakeholder and community engagement program for Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 took place from mid-2021. Community consultation on the Burleigh Heads to Tugun section started on 12 July 2021 and ran until 17 September 2021.

Community public forums were not a feature of the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 consultation plan, as the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) committed to three months of 41 face-to-face consultation drop-in sessions, where the community were able to interact directly with project staff one-on-one. This approach meant the community was able to have their say, by providing an opportunity for each person to discuss their concerns, or items of interest, directly with project staff.

Community consultation for Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 was developed and delivered by TMR officers, with the objective of providing a comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement program. Community consultation activities during this period included:

- distribution of a project newsletter to 43,000 households and businesses in Burleigh, Palm Beach, Elanora, Currumbin, Tugun, Coolangatta and Billinga in July 2021
- 41 face-to-face sessions over 10 weeks at eight different venues at Burleigh Heads, Palm Beach, Elanora and Tugun. These sessions were carefully planned to provide the community with multiple options to attend from Monday to Sunday, at various times of the day and evening and the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback
- individual meetings with key community stakeholders and community groups
- a dedicated online engagement webpage where the community could provide feedback
- a fly-through video of the project, concept designs, artist's impressions, 360-degree panorama views of the project and project factsheets
- a dedicated project email address and phone number
- an extensive schedule of social media, radio and newspaper advertisements.

Consultation on the Tugun to Coolangatta section will take place in 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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