



Minister for Main Roads and Local Government

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Your ref: 1093-08

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1093-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Julie Attwood MP, Member for Mount Ommaney, on 26 August 2008, about the Kenmore Bypass.

The Department of Main Roads is currently undertaking the Kenmore Bypass Planning Study.

The study is investigating how the 3km preserved corridor from Moggill Road at Pullenvale to the Centenary Motorway at Fig Tree Pocket, could provide a solution to existing congestion and safety problems on Moggill Road in the Kenmore area.

This corridor has been preserved by Main Roads since the late 1970s in order to plan for increased road network capacity in the western suburbs.

In 2007, a Kenmore Bypass Pre-Feasibility Study was undertaken simply to determine if it was worthwhile to progress this project to a full planning study.

As part of the Kenmore Bypass Pre-Feasibility Study, Main Roads undertook a preliminary assessment only of what might be involved in upgrading Moggill Road instead of building the Kenmore Bypass. This was to allow Main Roads to assess the benefits and impacts of both options and make meaningful decisions about the best way to improve the road network in the western suburbs.

At the conclusion of the assessment it was determined a Kenmore Bypass was the preferred and most viable option for further investigation. It should be noted no funding has been allocated to build a Kenmore Bypass at this stage, nor has any decision to build a bypass been made. Funding has only been allocated to conduct the Kenmore Bypass Planning Study.

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Telephone +61 7 3227 8819 Facsimile +61 7 3221 9964 Website www.qld.gov.au Main Roads will continue to manage Moggill Road as part of its state-controlled road corridor network as well as considering what local improvements can be made to provide benefits to the road users.

Main Roads recently completed Stage 1 of the Kenmore Bypass Planning Study. Main Roads will now be developing planning options for a potential Kenmore Bypass based on feedback received from the community in Stage 1 as well as further technical investigations.

Stage 2 of the process, which commenced in June 2008, will involve working with the community to develop viable options for a bypass. Main Roads will then display these options to the public and encourage them to provide their feedback to Main Roads. It is anticipated options will be displayed in November 2008.

Yours sincerely

Warren Pitt MP

Minister for Main Roads