



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2913-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Don Brown MP, Member for Capalaba on 16 October 2018 about the Eastern Busway to Redland City.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that the section of the Eastern Busway from the Eleanor Schonell Bridge at Dutton Park, to the South East Busway at Buranda, opened in August 2009 at a cost of \$366 million. The most recent completed section between Buranda and Main Avenue, Coorparoo, opened in August 2011. This \$465 million section saves commuters up to eight minutes on bus trips into Brisbane city.

The Queensland Government document, *ShapingSEQ: South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017*, recognises the future need for the Eastern Busway. The ultimate Eastern Busway corridor between Main Avenue, Coorparoo and Capalaba, is being preserved by the Palaszczuk Government, with further busway stages including the preparation of a business case, subject to funding and government priorities. The ultimate solution would require a multi-agency approach with both Building Queensland (BQ) and TMR involved in the preparation of any business case.

In recognition of the benefits of public transport upgrades along Old Cleveland Road, the Palaszczuk Government has provided \$22 million for the delivery of further bus priority works (Eastern Transitway), from Coorparoo to Carindale.

Construction of the Eastern Transitway was an election commitment announced during the November 2017 Queensland Election. TMR is currently considering plans for the Eastern Transitway to complement the existing busway network, through an incremental approach to delivering bus priority infrastructure, as demand and population densities increase. These plans include cost-effective short and medium-term options along Old Cleveland Road, such as providing bus priority measures to five major intersections (Cavendish, Bennetts, Boundary, Gallipoli and Creek Roads).

However, as Old Cleveland Road is under the jurisdiction of the Brisbane City Council (BCC), any works will require BCC approval to progress. TMR is working with BCC to reach agreement where, ultimately, BCC will become owners and operators of the constructed bus priority assets. Once agreement is reached with BCC, the scope of the project can be determined, and design and construction can be progressed.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MARK BAILEY", with a long, sweeping underline.

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads