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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

Thank you for your letter of 21 February 2018 enclosing a copy of Petition 2852-17 received by the Legislative Assembly.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to the delivery of Cross River Rail and is fully funding the project for delivery, with Early Works commenced and procurement for major works underway.

The publicly available Cross River Rail Business Case summary clearly defines the need for the project, particularly in relation to increasing rail capacity across the Brisbane River and through the CBD, which is nearing full capacity. Cross River Rail also provides the future capacity to connect South East Queensland regional centres - such as Caloundra, Flagstone and Coomera - by rail to the Brisbane CBD, supporting future growth across the region.

On 20 February 2018 the shortlist for both the Tunnels, Stations and Development (TSD) and Rail, Integration Systems (RIS) work packages was announced. Three consortia were shortlisted for TSD and two for RIS. All bid consortia comprise reputable national and international companies from construction, operation and maintenance, engineering, design, property development and transport integration system sectors and equity providers.

During the five-year construction phase, Cross River Rail is projected to generate on average around 1500 jobs per annum with a peak of up to 3,000 jobs in the most intensive year of the construction. Moreover, the shortlisted consortia to deliver the project must detail in their competitive bids, plans for sourcing from local and regional Queensland suppliers and manufacturers, to support jobs throughout Queensland.

Further, detailed economic analysis demonstrates benefits to the Queensland economy from delivering the project. The Cost Benefit Analysis shows a benefit cost ratio of 1.41, representing a return of \$1.41 per dollar invested.

In addition to significant investment in South East Queensland, the Queensland Government has implemented a range of projects and programs to meet community, business and industry infrastructure needs in regional Queensland. The \$44 billion four-year capital infrastructure program allocates significant funding to regional economies, with 63 per cent of capital purchases budgeted to be spent outside of Greater Brisbane in 2017-18.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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