



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports
Minister for Energy and Water Supply

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2402-15 and 2368-15 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Deborah Frecklington MP, Member for Nanango on 3 June 2015 about a request by members of the Blackbutt and District Tourism and Heritage Association to rename a section of the D'Aguilar Highway, between Kevin Allery Bridge (Blackbutt) to the north side of the Nukku Bridge (Nukku North Road) Roy Emerson Way.

I understand that the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) signage policy does not generally allow the renaming sections of road, due to possible impacts on residential mailing addresses and the potential for confusing the travelling public.

Of particular concern, is ensuring that emergency services and travellers who are unfamiliar with the local area, can clearly identify and find locations.

I am therefore advised that TMR would only consider renaming a road in extraordinary circumstances and where the above issues have been satisfactorily addressed, through consultation with relevant stakeholders including the local government, community, local businesses, emergency services, post and courier services.

On that basis, the proposed renaming of this section of the D'Aguilar Highway is not currently supported.

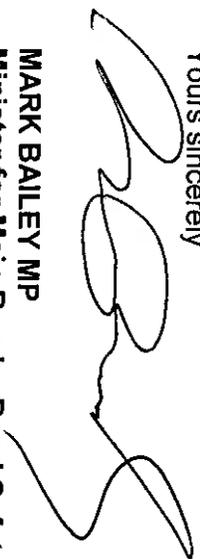
However, I understand that TMR has been liaising with the Blackbutt and District Tourism and Heritage Association to offer an alternative solution and that TMR has proposed an option of a 'Welcome to Blackbutt' sign that should achieve the Association's goals.

As the Member may be aware, there is an approved layout for themed route signs at entrances to towns. It may therefore be possible to have a 'Welcome to Blackbutt' sign in that layout, along with the words "Home of Roy Emerson" and a directional sign to the tourist information centre.

I understand that this option will be discussed by the Committee at their next meeting and that TMR will therefore soon be advised of the Committee's response to the sign proposal. I will provide an update to the Member once that has occurred.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Bailey', written in a cursive style.

MARK BAILEY MP
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