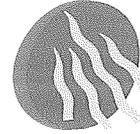




Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



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Our ref: MC49580

Minister for Main Roads

17 JUN 2010

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



Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1381-10 and 1438-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House, on 18 May 2010, about upgrade works on Maleny-Kenilworth Road, specifically from Lee's Road to Cambroon Creek and Braden Road to the Bill Waldron Bridge.

I am advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads has scheduled urgent upgrades to be carried out on the Maleny-Kenilworth Road, which will begin in the coming months, weather permitting. The works will include removing unstable sections of an embankment beside the road, installing a barrier to limit rocks falling on to the road, as well as replacing drainage pipes underneath the road.

The remainder of the \$5.6m project to rehabilitate and widen the road between Cambroon Creek and Booloumba Creek Road is listed in the department's Roads Implementation Program and scheduling of these works will be considered in future program reviews.

I am further advised that a \$1m planning study between Conondale and Cambroon Creek is underway. This study is investigating options for bridge replacements, road widening and road rehabilitation and is expected to be completed in the coming months.

Funding for construction of further improvements will be considered in future reviews of the department's forward program, along with other proposed projects in the region.

The department completed two upgrade projects on Maleny-Kenilworth Road in 2009. This \$9m investment involved realigning the Reesville Road intersection, replacing the existing timber bridges over Fritz Gully with a new concrete structure, as well as widening and reconstructing the road at both locations to improve pavement strength and durability.

The safety of motorists is the department's number one priority, and choosing priority projects, where community expectations often exceed the scope of work permitted by available funds, is an ongoing challenge for the department.

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As with all state-controlled roads, the department will continue to monitor the condition of Maleny-Kenilworth Road, and assess its priority for upgrading as part of future reviews of the department's program of works. In the interim, the department will arrange regular inspections of the road and schedule maintenance works as necessary, to maintain the road in a safe condition for motorists.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', written over a faint, circular stamp or watermark.

Craig Wallace MP
Minister for Main Roads