



Hon. Paul Lucas MP

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Your ref: 561-05

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**Queensland  
Government**

**Minister for  
Transport and Main Roads**

Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

**Re: Petition No 561-05 - modifications to Toolona and Kitchener Streets, Tugun**

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Jann Stuckey MP, Member for Currumbin, on 25 October 2005, about the suggested modifications to Toolona and Kitchener Streets, Tugun.

The Queensland Government and its agencies, such as the Department of Main Roads, are committed to community engagement when delivering projects. As part of this commitment, Main Roads openly seeks feedback on all projects as community comments are critical in decision making and the development of traffic solutions.

Main Roads appreciates the feedback recently provided in relation to the proposed changes at the intersection of Toolona and Kitchener Streets at Tugun. After carefully considering the feedback received, and given the wide range of views expressed about the need for changes and options, a decision has been made not to proceed with the proposal at this time.

In the interim, Main Roads will carry out some minor works to improve pedestrian safety by replacing some of the footpaths, providing pram ramps and making the traffic signals brighter.

The Tugun Bypass remains a top priority for the state government. We have allocated \$240m to the project (two-thirds of which is located in New South Wales). While the Federal Government's \$120m commitment over two years from 2006-07 is welcomed, it is simply a restatement of the previous allocation. After it is completed, Main Roads will review the need for traffic management measures on the Gold Coast Highway at Tugun and again consult with the community on any issues that might still need attention.

Yours sincerely

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