



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



Queensland
Government

Our ref: MC23118

Minister for
Transport and Main Roads

Your ref: 684-06

14 AUG 2006

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

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No 684-06

Request for an exit from the Centenary Highway at Sumner Park

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Caltabiano MP, Member for Chatsworth, on 9 June 2006 requesting a second exit south east of the Sumner Park Industrial Estate directly onto the Centenary Highway.

The federal government has provided \$320m to upgrade the Ipswich Motorway from Wacol to Darra, including a major reconstruction of the Centenary Highway interchange. As a consequence, it is expected that additional lanes will be needed along the Centenary Highway between the Ipswich Motorway and Sumners Road. A likely outcome of this upgrade is that the existing Bullockhead Street off-ramp will need to be closed. This will be done to provide for safe weaving movements along this section of the highway.

A new northbound on-ramp along the Centenary Highway near Bullockhead Street would also not be feasible. The proposed northbound Bullockhead Street on-ramp, the Sumners Road northbound off-ramp and Centenary Highway interchange off-ramps would be too close together.

The preferred long-term solution to provide a second exit for this industrial estate would be to pursue the construction of Wolston Road. This would provide a connection between Spine Street and Wacol Station Road. Alternatively, Brisbane City Council may have other long-term proposals to provide connections to this area. An additional access to the Centenary Highway is not a viable solution.

85 George Street Brisbane
GPO Box 2644 Brisbane
Queensland 4001 Australia
Telephone +61 7 3237 1949
Facsimile +61 7 3224 4242
Email transport@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Planning layouts for the Ipswich Motorway upgrade project (Wacol to Darra) are currently available for viewing and may be downloaded from the Department of Main Roads website by visiting www.mainroads@qld.gov.au Projects > Road > South East Queensland Region > Metropolitan. The Queensland Government preference is for the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads