



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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LAI UPON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE
THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No. 746-06 - Nambour Connection Road

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, on 28 November 2006 about Nambour Connection Road.

The Department of Main Roads has worked with Maroochy Shire Council to prepare a strategy for the future upgrade of Nambour Connection Road and the adjoining road network. A short-term solution has also been prepared to address the current unacceptable number of crashes at intersections south of Nambour. These measures are in line with the future strategic needs of the road.

This is the first stage of a road network approach, preventing turning movements at some intersections, diverting vehicles to safer locations and upgrading the local road network. Main Roads and Maroochy Shire Council are now planning the long-term upgrading of this section of the road.

The South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan recognises Maroochydhore as a principal activity centre and Nambour as a major activity centre. The plan also identifies the need for a major arterial road link between Maroochydhore and Nambour.

Nambour Connection Road functions as this link and will increase in importance to meet the objectives of the SEQ Regional Plan. Main Roads has no plans to consider an alternative southern arterial route into Nambour from the Bruce Highway through the Petrie Creek Road precinct.

Ms Bronwyn Smith (my Senior Policy Advisor), Mr Dennis Tennant (District Director North Coast-Hinterland), and Mr Derek Deane (Principal Engineer) from Main Roads, met a deputation lead by Mr Wellington with community members, including Mr Jim Morrison (the Principal Petitioner), at Parliament House on 28 November 2006 about the upgrading of Nambour Connection Road.

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The meeting resulted in an agreement that Main Roads would invite the community members at the deputation to work with Maroochy Shire Council and the department to address community concerns about the intersections of McKenzie Road and Blackall Street with Nambour Connection Road.

Main Roads and Maroochy Shire Council currently propose that the right turn out and the left turn in to Blackall Street be diverted to the Kiel Mountain interchange. Woombye – Montville Road/Pine Grove Road intersection and Kiel Mountain interchange will both be upgraded. A similar approach is to be taken at Nambour Connection Road/McKenzie Road with upgrading of the local roads, and signals at Nambour Connection Road/Cobbs Road intersection.

Main Roads notes the safety concerns about increased traffic on Pine Grove Road, past the Woombye State School. Pine Grove Road is not a state-controlled road and it is under jurisdiction of Maroochy Shire Council. Discussions are taking place between the Woombye State School and council to address safety concerns at the school. These discussions include the intersection of Pine Grove Road and Woombye – Palmwoods Road, where they involve Main Roads, because Woombye – Palmwoods Road is part of a state-controlled road.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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