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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I am writing to provide my response to petition numbers 824-07 and 844-07 lodged by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, and received by the Legislative Assembly on 22 May and 6 June 2007 respectively.

The petitions seek an upgrade of the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road, reduction in speed limits and an increased police presence in this area.

I have received the following information from the Queensland Police Service on the issues raised in the petitions.

I am advised that the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, has responded to you concerning the improvement of road surfaces, delineation and route signage. Copies of the petitions were forwarded to me (received 12 July) for reply in relation to the policing issues raised.

The section of the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road subject to the petitions is within the Maroochy Shire. All alterations to speed limits within the Maroochy Shire are considered by the Maroochy Traffic Advisory Committee, which consists of members from Local Government, Queensland Police, Main Roads and Queensland Transport.

At a meeting held on 17 July 2007, the Committee decided that due to recent incidents and concerns in that area, the speed limit on the section of the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road over the Belli Range would be reduced from 100km/h to 80 km/h for a trial period during reconstruction of the roads.

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Police from the Sunshine Coast District Traffic Branch, along with Kenilworth and Eumundi Police, will continue to perform marked and unmarked patrols of the area and will also perform both mobile and stationary radar duties along the nominated road.

The Queensland Police Service and this Government are strongly committed to meeting the policing needs of the growing communities within the Maroochy Shire.

Acting Inspector Stephen McReight, Sunshine Coast District Inspector, Northern Division, is available on telephone 5447 5888 to assist with any further enquiries in relation to this matter.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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