



Warren Pitt MP
Member for Mulgrave



**Queensland
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**Minister for Main Roads and
Local Government**

Your ref: 924-07

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition No. 924-07 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, on 11 October 2007, about the condition of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road.

The Department of Main Roads has been progressively upgrading Eumundi - Kenilworth Road over the past 10 years, and has included funding for the replacement of bridges at Belli Creek Crossing No. 1 and No. 3 and Eerwah Creek.

The Queensland Government is continuing to invest in this important link road allocating a further \$15.4m to upgrade sections of this road. These improvement works will include:

- \$10.4m to replace the narrow bridge and road approaches at Belli Creek Crossing No. 2, commencing in mid-2008
- \$5m indicative forward allocation for the period 2009-10 to 2011-12 for widening and resurfacing work on a 1.3km section between Archer Road and Belli Creek Crossing No. 1.

I am advised that on 22 May 2007, the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, formerly Minister for Transport and Main Roads, met with Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, and Main Roads' representatives, to discuss the condition of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. Topics discussed included community concern about quarry trucks contributing to the rapid deterioration of the surface, the need to bring forward rehabilitation works and issues raised in relation to safety due to the narrow width and winding alignment of the road.

I am further advised that Sunshine Coast Quarries Pty Ltd, situated on Moy Pocket Road, is a major supplier for the current boom in coastal development. The quarry is supplying Main Roads' contractors, who are working on the Caloundra Road, Maroochydore Road and Sunshine Motorway road upgrade projects, as well as a range of other construction developments on the coast.

Following these discussions, Minister Lucas announced the allocation of an additional \$1.5m for extra maintenance work on Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. This commitment addressed and acknowledged community and road user concerns about the safety of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road.

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Main Roads advises that these safety initiatives commenced in August 2007, including:

- clearing of roadside vegetation to improve visibility for road users
- improved drainage
- shoulder widening
- resurfacing works to improve rideability.

Main Roads further advises that Main Roads conducted a review of the speed limit on Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. Following this review, Main Roads recommended the application of a trial speed reduction to 80km/h over the 3km Belli Range section, from Archer Road to Browns Creek Road. This recommendation was approved by the Maroochy Speed Management Committee and took effect from 3 August 2007.

I am advised the review also confirmed that the existing speed limit of 100km/h along the remaining section of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road will be maintained, with the 80km/h speed restriction applied on school days during bus operating times, from 7:30am to 9:30am and 3:00pm to 4:30pm over the sections of road yet to be upgraded.

The petition also requests an increase in Queensland Police Service presence on Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. As this matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Honourable Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport, I have forwarded a copy of the petition to her office for consideration and direct reply.

Yours sincerely

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