



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Queensland
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Minister for Main Roads

Your ref: Petitions

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

I refer to a petition number 1488-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House on 5 October 2010, about the cycle network in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads values cycling for the important contribution it makes to the development of a sustainable and effective transport system. The state government has demonstrated this commitment through providing \$556 million over 20 years through the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2010 to 2032* (SEQIPP) to improve and promote cycle facilities and bikeways.

At a regional level, the department has developed the *Cycle Network Link Strategy* which prioritises future cycling infrastructure needs in the North Coast region. This strategy plans for a cohesive and linked cycle network across the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Moreton Bay Regional Council areas. The strategy targets commuter cyclists and identifies future cycle infrastructure projects on state-controlled roads that will be of most benefit to the greatest number of users.

The strategy was developed in consultation with peak cycling bodies, local cycling groups, regional councils and other government agencies to form a Cycle Working Group. Feedback from the public was also incorporated.

The strategy has identified and prioritised the upgrading needs of cycle routes on state-controlled roads in the region. This ranking will guide the distribution of funds as they become available. The link index and rankings are available on the *Cycle Network Link Strategy* page on the department's website.

The strategy identifies a number of potential cycle links on state-controlled roads in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, including Landsborough-Maleny Road, Maleny-Montville Road, Montville-Mapleton Road, Woombye-Montville Road and Nambour-Mapleton Road. Upgrades to these roads will be designed and constructed within the priorities of the *Cycle Network Link Strategy* and as funding permits.

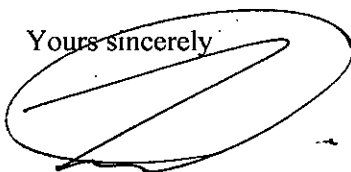
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The upgrades aim to incorporate cycle-friendly design into traffic operations, road upgrading and maintenance projects and may include the economical retrofitting of roads where necessary, to accommodate cyclists. This can be seen in the upgrade project that was completed on Maleny-Kenilworth Road in 2009, which included provisions for cyclists as part of the upgrade.

The department acknowledges the community's desire for improvements to the cycle network in the Sunshine Coast hinterland and is committed to providing greater connectivity in this area through the *Cycle Network Link Strategy*.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', enclosed within an oval-shaped outline.

Craig Wallace MP
Minister for Main Roads