Our ref: PET 10432

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2017-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP, Member for Bundamba on 13 February 2013 about funding cycling facilities as part of the Darra to Springfield Rail extension project and widening of the Centenary Highway.

The original road component included safety and capacity improvements to the Centenary Highway, provision of cycleway from Julia Road north of the Logan Motorway through to the Springfield Link Bridge at Springfield Lakes as part of Queensland's strategic bicycle network, and shared access paths providing local access to the Springfield and Springfield Central station.

In mid-2012, TMR undertook a review of the project scope to achieve greater road capacity improvements. This review led to a scope change which redirected funding from the planned cycling facilities to increase capacity on the Centenary Highway. This option represents the best value for money for taxpayer funds in the current financial environment.

I acknowledge this announcement has raised concerns both for local road users and others who currently cycle on the Centenary highway. However, the Newman Government has had to make difficult choices. Given the poor financial legacy left by the previous Labor Government, I believe that maximising the works on the highway was the highest priority.

I am advised that the project design will allow for the construction of cycle infrastructure at a future time when the state's finances are restored and funding is available.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads