



Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition, number 2713-17, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Rob Molhoek MP, Member for Southport on 9 August 2017 about congestion and road safety on Edmund Rice Drive in Southport during school drop-off and pick-up times.

The petitioners' request to connect Edmund Rice Drive to Olsen Avenue via Everest Drive and Griffith Way and for the construction of left in/left out access to Smith Street Motorway is noted.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has no objection to the connection of Everest Drive to Griffith Way. However as both of these roads fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Gold Coast (CGC), it is the appropriate agency responsible for considering this request in more detail. Accordingly, a copy of this response has been sent to Councillor Tom Tate, Mayor of CGC for his information.

Regarding the request for access from Edmund Rice Drive to the Smith Street Motorway, I am advised that TMR does not support this for safety reasons. Constructing an entry and exit at this location would create serious safety issues for both westbound through traffic on the motorway and westbound traffic exiting the motorway at nearby Olsen Avenue and would result in unsafe traffic movements.

I can assure petitioners that the Palaszczuk Government is committed to improving the State road network on the Gold Coast, with \$518.3 million committed to roads upgrades and improvements across the Department of Transport and Main Roads South Coast region in the budget handed down by the Treasurer on 13 June 2017.

I thank the petitioners for their commitment to better road infrastructure and road safety outcomes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Miles.".

DR STEVEN MILES MP
Acting Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports