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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 petition 4127-24 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Robert Katter MP, Member for Traeger on 20 August 2024 about potential upgrades to the intersection of Ramsay and King streets, Cloncurry.

The Miles Government is delivering its ninth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2024–25 to 2027–28*, which outlines \$37.4 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 28,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$486 million is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) North West District, estimated to support an average of 460 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I am advised TMR undertook a road safety audit on 26 March 2020 at the intersection of Ramsay and King streets in Cloncurry. As this intersection is between a local government and state-controlled road, TMR worked with the Cloncurry Shire Council (CSC) to implement the following improvements at the intersection as a result of the road safety audit: CSC relocated the stop 'holding line' closer to the intersection on the CSC road—approaching from King Street—to provide improved sight distances at the intersection; and CSC re-positioned directional signage higher at the intersection to improve sight distances for oncoming traffic traveling west and east on the state-controlled road – Ramsay Street.

I am advised that additional measures were also discussed between TMR and CSC regarding the parking and landscaping along Ramsay Street, which is a local government responsibility under the TMR/Local Government Association of Queensland Cost Sharing Arrangement (CSA).

In accordance with the CSA, CSC is responsible for the management and maintenance of the existing gardens in the median strips. Gardens should be kept below the agreed 600-millimetre height. The parallel and centre parking locations along Ramsay Street are the responsibility of the local government in accordance with the CSA. As such, any works associated with the centre and parallel parking would need to be referred to CSC.

TMR has advised that crash data shows minimal impacts at the intersection. Given this, TMR does not consider a requirement to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Ramsay and King streets.

I am advised that TMR had also worked with CSC to deliver the Ramsay Street upgrade works, completed in December 2015, delivering a new asphalt surface along 915 metres, installing new kerbing and implementing a speed reduction of 50 kilometres per hour.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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