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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4118-24 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Ann Leahy MP, Member for Warrego on 21 August 2024, about the upgrade of Tara–Kogan Road.

The safety of road users is a key priority for the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and all feedback from the community about road safety issues is appreciated.

I am advised TMR has engaged Western Downs Regional Council to undertake shoulder grading and table drain works along Tara–Kogan Road, with works to be completed as soon as weather and construction conditions permit. These recovery works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

With regard to the suitability of Tara–Kogan Road for heavy vehicles, TMR allows access for road trains via permit from the Gas Field Compressor Station to the intersection with Dalby–Kogan Road. However, the lower section of road is only suitable for heavy vehicles under 19 metres in length.

TMR will continue to monitor the performance of the road and funding opportunities will be considered against other statewide priorities.

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, \$930 million is committed across TMR's Darling Downs District, estimated to support an average of 860 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

BART MELLISH MP
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