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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4047-24, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 30 April 2024 about traffic congestion around Coomera exit 54 and surrounding roads.

The Coomera Connector, also known as the 'second M1', will provide more transport capacity to support the rapidly growing communities in the northern Gold Coast and neighbouring Logan areas.

This project was commenced by the Labor Government after the Newman Government cut the Coomera Connector from strategic planning documents for the Gold Coast when in power and did not even preserve a corridor.

Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector, between Coomera and Nerang, has commenced construction and is expected to open to traffic progressively in stages from late 2025. The future stages of the Coomera Connector are currently funded for the development of a business case, which will then be reviewed by the Australian and Queensland governments.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is working collaboratively with Gold Coast City Council to progress a study for further planning in the Coomera area, including investigating future east-west connections over the M1. Gold Coast City Council is leading this planning study with TMR contributing \$200,000 towards the cost.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$5.504 billion is committed across the TMR's South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4130 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bart Mellish".

BART MELLISH MP
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