



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to the interim response to petitions 4168-24 and 4162-24, about the condition of the Flinders Highway, by the former Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services, Mr Bart Mellish MP, which was tabled on 10 October 2024.

On 1 November 2024, I was appointed as Minister for Transport and Main Roads and, as such, I am now the responsible Minister to respond to this petition.

The Flinders Highway spans across Queensland's east to west, from Townsville to Cloncurry, and the Crisafulli Government recognises its role as a vital link to Queensland's western regional communities, encouraging tourism to Queensland's western towns and connecting the northwest minerals province with suppliers and ports.

The Crisafulli Government has committed to stop the multibillion-dollar cost blowouts seen under the previous government. This means more money will be available to upgrade roads across Queensland, including the Flinders Highway.

I am advised that current reconstruction efforts to address significant highway damage from the 2023 monsoon and flooding event is still underway, with completion anticipated by March 2025, weather and construction conditions permitting.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads