



Minister for Transport and Main Roads  
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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3886-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Ann Leahy MP, Member for Warrego on 22 August 2023 about widening sections of the Roma–Condamine Road (Highway) to an eight-metre seal.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is working to improve safety on Roma–Condamine Road. Works have commenced at the western end, with shoulder sealing being undertaken in stages, subject to the constraints of available funding and competing statewide priorities.

Further works are scheduled to be undertaken on sections between the Maranoa Regional Council boundary and Condamine. This includes two larger sections, one between Moraby and Pine Hills and another east of Pine Hills. Funding assistance will be provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth–State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

I can advise that TMR is currently developing design options for rehabilitation works at Dogwood Creek bridge. However, these works have not been funded for construction. The detour in place at this location currently only diverts approximately 20 heavy vehicles per month on to Roma–Condamine Road, which is not expected to have a significant impact on the road's condition.

TMR will continue to monitor Roma–Condamine Road to identify and carry out regular maintenance to provide a safe environment for all road users.

The Palaszczuk 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, \$820 million is committed across TMR's Darling Downs District, estimated to support an average of 830 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Bailey".

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**  
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