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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4270-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 26 August 2025 about relieving congestion on major roads in our cities.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to planning for Queensland's future by building the roads and infrastructure needed for a growing population so that Queenslanders can spend more time at home and with their families, and less time commuting.

Queensland is consistently the fastest growing state in Australia, particularly in South East Queensland (SEQ), and the Crisafulli Government recognises the challenges this presents for our roads and services. This is why we locked in permanent 50 cent public transport fares for Queenslanders, and why our record \$41.7 billion *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2025–26 to 2028–29* has targeted our investment focus on projects that will deliver the best value for Queenslanders and respond to growth pressure.

Since 50 cent fares were made permanent in February 2025, there have been more than 114.7 million trips taken across SEQ (as at 31 August 2025). As well as providing Queenslanders with welcome cost of living relief, 50 cent fares has made public transport a very real and attractive option for many people, helping to boost ridership on our public transport network to record levels. Each trip that Queenslanders are incentivised to take as a result of permanent 50 cent fares helps to reduce the pressure on our roads.

Traffic demands and conditions on Queensland's highways and state-controlled roads are actively monitored to ensure they remain as safe as possible and best accommodate the growing number of people and goods travelling across the network. We are investing in advanced technologies and systems, including expanding the 'Smart Motorways' systems, such as electronic variable speed limit signs, lane control systems, ramp metering, and incident detection. These tools optimise network operations, manage congestion, and improve safety for road users. Managing congestion also involves influencing travel demand. This is done by real-time travel information through the QLDTraffic and Translink services, enabling road users to make informed decisions about how and when they travel.

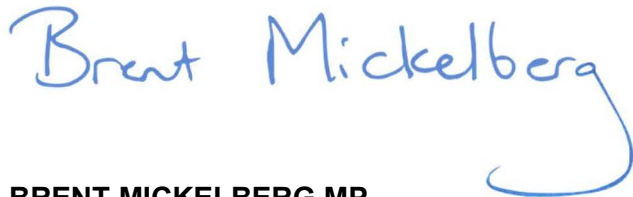
Further, there are several projects in QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29 which respond to growth and congestion by targeting investment and delivering value. The \$41.7 billion QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29, released as part of the Crisafulli Government's first Budget, represents a record investment into Queensland's transport and road network. You can find more information about QTRIP at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/qtriponline](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/qtriponline).

The suggestion regarding multi-person vehicle lanes is noted. While such measures can encourage carpooling and improve traffic efficiency, they require careful consideration of network impacts, enforcement, and equity. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will continue to examine a range of congestion management strategies, including high-occupancy vehicle lanes, as part of ongoing planning and policy development.

I thank the petitioners for raising this important matter and assure them that the Crisafulli Government remains committed to delivering transport solutions that keep Queensland moving.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brent Mickelberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The "B" is large and loops around the "rent". The "Mickelberg" part is also cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**BRENT MICKELBERG MP**  
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