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**Hon Rachel Nolan MP**  
Member for Ipswich

Our ref: MC43561  
Your ref: Petitions

Minister for Transport

7 OCT 2009  
Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to a petition number 1211-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Fiona Simpson MP, Member Maroochydore, on 3 August 2009 about government changes to registration renewal.

The increase in motor vehicle registration fees, which took effect from 1 July 2009, was announced on 9 December 2008 as part of the Major Economic Statement 2008-09. The vehicle registration fee increase for 4 cylinder vehicles was 16.5% and for 6 and 8 cylinder vehicles was 20%. At that time it was noted that the 2009-10 vehicle registration fees would also be subject to changes in compulsory third party premiums and adjustments associated with movements in the consumer price index.

This increase was necessary to keep us on track with the Bligh Government's road building program. Without the increase, there may have been a need to cut back on the roads program, which could have resulted in an increase in unemployment.

Even after the increase, this government continues to invest more in Queensland's roads than it receives in revenue from motor vehicle registration. In 2009-10, Queensland motorists will pay a total of approximately \$1.2 billion in motor vehicle registration fees. However, the State will invest \$2.145 billion in planning and building Queensland's road network in 2009-10.

As you would appreciate, in order to deliver a program of this scale in the current fiscal environment, it was necessary to assess all revenue options, including motor vehicle registration. The increase will raise approximately \$183 million in 2009-10, which will assist the government in continuing to develop and build Queensland's roads, provide jobs and enhance road safety.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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