

## Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2612-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera, on 11 October 2016 about an upgrade of Foxwell Road in Coomera.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has been working closely with the City of Gold Coast (CGC) to develop a road network master plan for Coomera that supports the transport needs of this area as it continues to grow. As part of this master plan, TMR's responsibility is primarily about managing the Pacific Motorway (M1) Coomera Interchange (Exit 54), and as noted in the petition, CGC is responsible for the local roads such as Foxwell Road.

Recent developments on the northern Gold Coast have contributed to increased local road traffic accessing the M1, which is why the Palaszczuk Government is currently upgrading the Exit 54 interchange.

The \$74.7 million project is being majority funded by the Palaszczuk Government along with contributions from the Australian Government and nearby developments. The local community, visitors to the area, and passing motorists will soon enjoy the substantial benefits being delivered by this upgrade when it is completed at the end of 2016.

With further new developments proposed in and around the town centre, contributions from developers will continue to play a vital role in securing funding for and driving timelines for other road upgrades in the area.

As Foxwell Road is a CGC responsibility I have requested the TMR Regional Director (South Coast) to forward on this petition request to CGC for their consideration, and to work with CGC to develop an appropriate response.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply