

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3738-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 21 June 2022 about the replacement of Moggill ferry with a bridge.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is responsible for the Moggill ferry crossing, which provides an important link for communities north and south of the Brisbane River, as well as access to Ipswich and surrounding suburbs. TMR appreciates the concerns of local residents using the Moggill ferry and the inconvenience caused when flood, or dam release events temporarily cut access.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads currently has no plan for a bridge to replace Moggill ferry.

TMR has protected the Moggill Pocket Arterial Road corridor since the 1970s. TMR advises the corridor continues to be preserved. Further information about the Moggill Pocket Arterial Road corridor is available on TMR's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search 'Moggill Pocket Arterial Road/Moggill—Warrego Highway Connection'.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 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, \$3.858 billion is committed across TMR's Metropolitan Region, estimated to support an average of 3280 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads