

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 2566-16 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Don Brown MP, Member for Capalaba on 15 September 2016 about Rickertt Road, Ransome.

I thank the Member and petitioners for taking the time to express concerns about Rickertt Road.

As recognised in the petition, Rickertt Road does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). The western side of Rickertt Road is in the jurisdiction of Brisbane City Council (BCC) and the eastern side of Rickertt Road is in the jurisdiction of Redland City Council (RCC).

I am advised that the development of Rickertt Road and the surrounding road network is one of the issues being considered by the Cross Boundary Connectivity Steering Committee. This committee includes officers from BCC, RCC and TMR.

Although Rickertt Road is not a corridor under state control, mechanisms exist for BCC and RCC to apply for state or federal funding in regard to aiding the upgrading of this road. Once BCC and RCC have submitted the appropriate applications, funding would be considered against competing priorities and availability of funds.

That competition has become more challenging as a consequence of more than \$600 million having been cut from transport funding during the term of the previous government, which also spent more than \$30 million of the department's budget preparing for asset sales and contestability.

Yours sincerely

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