

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3491-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 17 June 2021 about a safer, four-lane Tiaro bypass.

I am pleased to advise that in June 2021, additional funding was committed from both the Australian and Queensland governments to allow an increase to the scope of the Tiaro bypass to four lanes. On 9 June 2021, the Australian Government committed an additional \$183 million, bringing the Australian Government contribution to \$269 million. On 22 June 2021, the Queensland Government committed an additional \$46 million, bringing the Queensland Government contribution to \$67 million and the total funding for the project to \$336 million.

The project is currently in the planning stage, which will result in a concept design and business case report for the new highway to be finalised in late 2021. Construction timeframes for the four-lane Tiaro bypass will be confirmed once the planning stage is complete.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**MARK BAILEY MP** 

Minister for Transport and Main Roads