



Warren Pitt MP
Member for Mulgrave



Minister for Main Roads and
Local Government

Our ref: MC37319

Your ref: Petitions - 1082-08

9 DEC 2008

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1082-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Rob Messenger MP, Member for Burnett on 25 November 2008, about funding for the upgrading of Raines Road.

The Department of Main Roads advises that Raines Road is a local government road and, as such, any funding for the road upgrade falls under the jurisdiction of Bundaberg Regional Council. The state government allocates funding to assist local councils as part of the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) and for roads classified as Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) through the Regional Roads Groups. As Raines Road is not classified as an LRRS, it would not be eligible for this funding, however, council can apply for TIDS funding.

I am advised Main Roads officers provided information about available funding options to council and also offered their assistance regarding eligibility for TIDS funding.

I am further advised council has confirmed a financial commitment to undertake works to seal Raines Road. These works are scheduled for May 2009 and are expected to be completed by the end of 2009, weather permitting.

Yours sincerely

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