



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3389-20 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydore on 11 August 2020 about Stage 6 of the Mooloolaba to Maroochydore (M2M) cycleway project.

As the Member would be aware, initial community consultation on this project took place in late 2019, and further consultation on the preferred option occurred in May 2020. Due to the high community interest, I then sought an agreement with the Sunshine Coast Mayor, Councillor Mark Jamieson to extend consultation to 31 July 2020.

Once the consultation period closed, I met with representatives from The Beach Matters group on 5 August 2020 at the Alexandra Headland Surf Lifesaving Club to listen directly to their concerns and suggestions, after more than 1000 submissions were received for the proposed 1.2km project.

I have since announced that after meeting with the community, I directed the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to review the proposed option for M2M cycleway Stage 6, and work collaboratively with the community on a revised community-focused design.

Across Queensland, we've seen biking and walking infrastructure attract people from all corners of the State and elsewhere, spending money at local cafes and shops, accommodation providers and other tourism operators. That is why the Palaszczuk Government is investing close to \$220 million in new active infrastructure and remains committed to delivering Stage 6 with Council in the future, should an appropriate design be accepted by the community.

I look forward to a re-designed option which takes into account the community's views – one which we will consult extensively with the community on.

I have asked that TMR continue to keep all stakeholders and the community informed on the M2M cycleway project as design work activities progress.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey'.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads