



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4054-24, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 30 April 2024 about the need to expedite upgrades of Yatala North Interchange (Exit 38).

Planning for an upgrade to Exit 38 has previously been undertaken. The Queensland Government will consider opportunities to fund the upgrade of Yatala North interchange (Exit 38)—in partnership with the Australian Government—as part of future Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) development and national partnering agreements.

The Miles Government is funding a \$110 million upgrade of Exit 49, with construction underway and expected to be completed in late 2024. The upgrade will deliver significant improvements in safety and traffic flow efficiency by keeping traffic moving through the improved interchange and thereby reducing queuing. This upgrade will support the proposed harness club at Norwell, with the most direct access to the club via Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45) and Pimpama Interchange (Exit 49).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has advised it is working with Visy Glass to enable access to Stapylton–Jacobs Well Road to support the relocation of its glass manufacturing and recycling facility. TMR has also commenced planning on Stapylton–Jacobs Well Road, with \$4 million allocated in *QTRIP 2023–24 to 2026–27* for investment planning to provide a four-lane upgrade.

As advised in my response to Petition 4053-24, \$1.5 million has been allocated in the indicative years of the *QTRIP 2023–24 to 2026–27* on a 50:50 federal:state basis by the Australian and Queensland governments to undertake planning for a full upgrade of Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45). Once this planning has been completed, the Queensland Government will also consider opportunities to fund a future upgrade of the Ormeau Interchange—in partnership with the Australian Government—as part of future QTRIP development and national partnering agreements.

Projects such as these are made possible by a Labor Government and are part of the Building a Better M1 plan. Comparatively, the Newman Government failed to allocate any funding to the Pacific Motorway M1 when in power.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *QTRIP 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 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, \$5.504 billion is committed across the TMR's South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4130 direct jobs over the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bart Mellish', with a stylized, flowing script.

**BART MELLISH MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**  
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