



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Our ref: MC30534; MC30395

Your ref: 824-07 and 844-07

Minister for  
Transport and Main Roads

10 JUL 2007

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliamentary Service  
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Dear Mr Laurie

**Re: Petition No: 824-07 and 844-07 - Eumundi-Kenilworth Road**

I refer to petitions lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, about the condition of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road.

The Sunshine Coast is one of Australia's fastest growing regions attracting new residents and tourists each year. Around 300 000 people now live and work in the region.

Continued economic and population growth is placing increased pressure on the region's transport infrastructure. That is why the Beattie government is making a major investment into Sunshine Coast road projects.

Sunshine Coast road funding has increased from \$50m ten years ago, to \$280m in the current financial year. This increased expenditure will help meet the region's growing infrastructure needs.

The state government has been progressively upgrading Eumundi - Kenilworth Road over the past 10 years, including funding for the replacement of bridges at Belli Creek Crossing No. 1 and 3 and Eerwah Creek.

The state is continuing to invest in this important link road with the Department of Main Roads forward program allocating a further \$15.4m to upgrade sections of this road. These improvement works will include replacement of the narrow bridge and road approaches at Belli Creek Crossing No. 2 in mid-2008 and widening and resurfacing work between Archer Road and Belli Creek Crossing No. 1 following in mid-2009.

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On 22 May 2007 Mr Wellington and I met with representatives from Main Roads to discuss the condition of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. In particular, community concern about quarry trucks contributing to the deterioration of the surface, the need to bring forward rehabilitation works and issues raised in relation to the narrow width and winding alignment of the road.

Main Roads will continue to maintain the surface of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road in a safe condition. The department spent about \$550 000 in the 2006-07 financial year in road maintenance, which has been primarily directed towards pothole patching and small pavement patches.

The department has allocated an additional \$1.5m towards a large scale maintenance program, to carry out short-term safety improvements on Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. This increase in routine maintenance will keep the road in a safe condition until major upgrading works are complete. As part of the program, Main Roads will investigate opportunities for cost effective rehabilitation treatments and shoulder widening. The program is expected to commence in the next few months and will take place through until December 2007, weather permitting.

Main Roads will also carry out improvements to the road delineation and route signage in early 2008, at a cost of \$290 000 as part of the Safer Roads Sooner Program.

I can advise that Main Roads is completing a speed limit review of Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. The findings of this review will be presented at the Maroochy Speed Management Committee meeting on 17 July 2007.

The petition also requests an increase in Queensland Police Service presence on Eumundi - Kenilworth Road. As this issue falls under the jurisdiction of the Honourable Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services, I have forwarded a copy of the petition to Minister Spence for her consideration and direct reply.

Yours sincerely

**PAUL LUCAS MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**



**Judy Spence MP**  
Member for Mount Gravatt



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Dear Mr Laurie

I am writing to provide my response to petition numbers 824-07 and 844-07 lodged by Mr Peter Wellington MP, Member for Nicklin, and received by the Legislative Assembly on 22 May and 6 June 2007 respectively.

The petitions seek an upgrade of the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road, reduction in speed limits and an increased police presence in this area.

I have received the following information from the Queensland Police Service on the issues raised in the petitions.

I am advised that the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, has responded to you concerning the improvement of road surfaces, delineation and route signage. Copies of the petitions were forwarded to me (received 12 July) for reply in relation to the policing issues raised.

The section of the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road subject to the petitions is within the Maroochy Shire. All alterations to speed limits within the Maroochy Shire are considered by the Maroochy Traffic Advisory Committee, which consists of members from Local Government, Queensland Police, Main Roads and Queensland Transport.

At a meeting held on 17 July 2007, the Committee decided that due to recent incidents and concerns in that area, the speed limit on the section of the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road over the Belli Range would be reduced from 100km/h to 80 km/h for a trial period during reconstruction of the roads.

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Police from the Sunshine Coast District Traffic Branch, along with Kenilworth and Eumundi Police, will continue to perform marked and unmarked patrols of the area and will also perform both mobile and stationary radar duties along the nominated road.

The Queensland Police Service and this Government are strongly committed to meeting the policing needs of the growing communities within the Maroochy Shire.

Acting Inspector Stephen McReight, Sunshine Coast District Inspector, Northern Division, is available on telephone 5447 5888 to assist with any further enquiries in relation to this matter.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**Judy Spence MP**  
Minister for Police and Corrective Services