

Hon Rachel Nolan MP Member for Ipswich

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





Dear Mr Laurie New

I refer to a petition number 1344-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands on 12 November 2009 about disability access at the Victoria Point and Coochiemudlo Island jetties.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises that since I last wrote to you, an engineering options analysis has been completed for both the Coochiemudlo Island and Victoria Point jetties. The engineering options analysis recommends upgrade works be undertaken at Victoria Point, and that the Coochiemudlo Island facility has reached the end of its life cycle and requires replacement.

I am advised that the recommendations of the engineering options analysis have been accepted by Redland City Council, the owner of the Coochiemudlo Island jetty. The department is currently negotiating a funding partnership with Redland City Council that will see both facilities upgraded.

I will write to you again at a later date to advise of the outcome of negotiations with the Redland City Council. At that time I will be able to provide you with accurate details of both funding allocation and commencement of this work.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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I am advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads is aware of the need to upgrade ferry infrastructure in Southern Moreton Bay to meet the requirements of the Commonwealth's *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

I am further advised that the department has recently completed a study to scope the required works for both the Victoria Point and Coochiemudlo Island facilities. The department is currently considering the findings of the study and continuing with consultation with the Redland City Council as owner of the Coochiemudlo Island jetty.

I will write to you again at a later date, to advise the outcome of our deliberations. At that time I will be in a better position to provide you with accurate details of both the funding allocation and commencement of this work.

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