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Office of the
**Minister for Transport, Trade,
Employment and Industrial Relations**

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1069-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2008, requesting the House to move the planned station from the front of Southport State School, Queen Street to a location in Wardoo Street, Southport. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf and I apologise for the delay in doing so.

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project team are continuing their consultation with Southport State School and Education Queensland in regards to this issue. The school is also an active participant in the project's Community Reference Group and the project team have directly briefed the Southport State School on several occasions.

As you may be aware, the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project recently sought feedback from the community in May 2008 regarding to the rapid transit alignment through Queen Street, Southport.

The options presented to the community were as follows:

- Option A would retain existing traffic arrangements and result in minimal residential property resumptions. However this option would have significant impacts on the Queen Street Cemetery, affecting more than 100 plots.
- Option B would retain existing traffic arrangements however it would require full or partial resumptions of up to 60 properties on the south of Queen St.
- Option C considering these factors and previous feedback from residents and stakeholders in the area, a third option was developed to minimise land acquisitions on both the Queen Street cemetery and residential properties. However this option may require the introduction of one-way traffic flow in Queen Street west by the removal of the east-bound traffic lane between Beale and Wardoo Street.

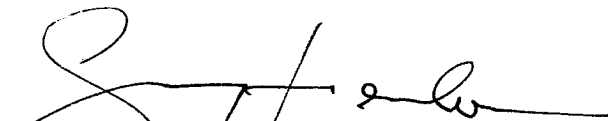
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As a result of the recent community consultations Gold Coast Rapid Transit project team will move forward with Option C, however they will be refining the design based on the feedback received from the community. Any refinement of Option C will aim to have no impact on marked graves within the Queen Street Cemetery or result in any further full property resumptions. This additional detailed work will be completed and included in the Concept Design and Impact Management Plan and will be available for public review in the near future.

I am advised that the project team met with Southport State School as recently as 17 July 2008 and will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to reach a suitable outcome which ensures the safety of the school community whilst providing optimal access to public transport.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Fenlon', written over a horizontal line.

GARY FENLON MP
Parliamentary Secretary
to the Minister for Transport, Trade,
Employment and Industrial Relations