



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3450-20 and 3486-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 9 March 2021 about closing the quarry located within the Kin Kin township in the Noosa hinterland.

The Queensland Government is aware of local community concerns about the impacts of increased heavy vehicle numbers along Kin Kin Road related to the operations of the local quarry.

The quarry site at Kin Kin operates under a local government development approval, and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has no authority to retrospectively place conditions on an existing approved development application. TMR also has no authority to close this operating business. The issues around the quarry's operations, including its suitability for the area, its impacts, the volume of heavy vehicles and haulage routes, are matters for Noosa Council and the operators of the quarry. TMR understands that Noosa Council is currently looking into these matters.

I am advised that general access vehicles (including truck and dog trailer combinations used by the quarry) can access all Queensland roads. TMR has not approved any vehicles above general access limits for Kin Kin Road.

TMR will continue to work collaboratively with Noosa Council, the Member for Noosa, the Queensland Police Service and other stakeholders to discuss community concerns and coordinated approaches for the management of Kin Kin Road, noting the very limited capacity of the Queensland Government and its agencies to have any real impact considering the operation of the quarry in line with the local government development approval.

On 5 March 2021, TMR officers met with representatives of Save Noosa Hinterland community group and travelled along Kin Kin Road together to discuss some of the concerns and challenges around this issue.

TMR remains committed to maintaining Kin Kin Road in a safe and serviceable condition for road users. In this regard, TMR's maintenance activity on Kin Kin Road has included pavement repairs, vegetation maintenance to reduce potential roadside hazards, and drainage works to help reduce the risk of future pavement damage. TMR is preparing for a program of road edge strengthening works at priority areas identified along Kin Kin Road. Additionally, the speed limit on several sections of Kin Kin Road has been reduced to slow traffic and improve safety for all motorists.

I appreciate this is a challenging issue and understand that Kin Kin Road is an important link for the Noosa Hinterland communities. Heavy vehicle transport is also vital for construction projects and other services at a time when the construction industry and maintaining jobs in communities has never been more critical. My department understands that overtaking heavy vehicles, especially on narrow sections of road can be intimidating, and extra caution is needed. TMR encourages all road users to share the road network safely and drive to the conditions for the safety of all road users.

Yours sincerely

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**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**