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Office of the Minister for Main Roads

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1463-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mrs Margaret Keech MP, Member for Albert, on 8 June 2010, about the fast-tracking of works on Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road within the Albert electorate.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' South Coast Region is currently in the final design stage for the \$8m upgrade of the Tallagandra Road/Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road intersection. This project includes the provision of a four-lane signalised intersection allowing for turning lanes into Tallagandra Road and signalised pedestrian crossings in place of the existing signalised pedestrian crossing to the south of Tallagandra Road. These works are expected to commence in mid-2011.

The department is currently designing a Safer Roads Sooner project to widen and seal the shoulders on the section of Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road just north of Carl Heck Boulevard through to Windaroo Creek. This work will be undertaken in September/October 2010.

I am advised designs are also being finalised for a maintenance project on Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road between Bahrs Scrub Road and Mount Warren Boulevard South. This work will include resurfacing the road with asphalt and upgrading the guardrail at Windaroo Creek Bridge. This work is programmed to commence in November 2010. Construction of these works is expected to start prior to the asphalt overlay between Bahrs Scrub Road and Mount Warren Boulevard South.

I am further advised the department is also currently working on developing design options for upgrading the four-way staggered intersection at Belivah Road, Bannockburn Road and Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road. Options under consideration include four-laning and signalisation of the intersection. These works are estimated to cost approximately \$23m. Construction timing is yet to be determined in relation to this project and the many competing high priority road work projects. The department will continue to plan and preserve the remainder of the road corridor between Shaws Pocket Road and Milne Street for future four-laning. Pavement rehabilitation and asset maintenance strategies similar to the work already described will continue within available funds.

If you require further information, Please call Mr Paul Noonan, District Director in Logan, on 3412 0600. Mr Noonan will be pleased to assist.

Craig Wallace MP Minister for Main Roads