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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 3663-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 23 February 2022 about the objection to the relocation of Trinder Park station.

The proposed Trinder Park station relocation, along with the straightening of the section of track between Kuraby and Woodridge near Trinder Park, is part of an essential upgrade to the Beenleigh and Gold Coast lines. The project will support growing population and rail patronage demand between Brisbane, Logan and the Gold Coast by increasing the number of tracks between Kuraby and Beenleigh from two to four, with modernised rail systems, station upgrades and level crossing removals. Currently, trains between Kuraby and Beenleigh share a single track in each direction, limiting the number of peak services and causing some Beenleigh services to stop and wait at passing loops while express trains go past. Additional tracks will require a wider corridor and track straightening in some areas.

The section of track between Kuraby and Woodridge has one of the tightest curves on the South East Queensland rail network, limiting the speed of trains passing through. It is proposed to straighten the alignment in order to achieve faster train journeys and meet modern rail and safety standards. This realignment involves impacts on local properties and the Acacia Forest Park.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) conducted an eight-week community consultation process on the Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail (LGCFR) project in September and October 2021, which resulted in more than 2200 interactions with the community. TMR received valuable community feedback regarding possible alternative locations for Trinder Park station to minimise environmental impacts and increase its public transport catchment area.

Further design work and consultation will now be undertaken as a result of this community feedback to determine the best location for Trinder Park station, before the LGCFR project design is finalised later in 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads