

Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services

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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 petitions 3899-23 and 3869-23 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Anthony Perrett MP, Member for Gympie, on 25 May 2023 about safety upgrades to the Tin Can Bay and Bayside Road intersection, Cooloola Cove.

One of the Palaszczuk Government's highest priorities is safety. Petitioners will be pleased to know that funding of \$2.8 million has been provided through the Safer Roads Sooner program to construct a single-lane roundabout to improve safety at this intersection. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will carry out detailed design for the project in the second half of 2023.

As part of this design process, TMR will consult with the community about the planned works and advise on construction impacts. Construction timeframes will be determined once the detailed design is complete.

The Queensland Government is delivering its eighth transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27, which outlines \$32.1 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.231 billion is committed across TMR's Wide Bay Burnett District, estimated to support an average of 1070 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services