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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3508-21 and 3555-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 September 2021 about upgrades, repairs and maintenance of the D'Aguilar Highway between Caboolture and Kingaroy.

The D'Aguilar Highway is a strategic link in Queensland's state-controlled road network, connecting the Bruce Highway to key regional centres such as Woodford, Kilcoy and Yarraman. The highway is heavily used by commercial, commuter and tourist traffic, and has a high presence of heavy vehicles due to the access to rural industry. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to maintenance and safety improvements on the D'Aguilar Highway, and acknowledges community concerns about the road surface on sections of the D'Aguilar Highway. The following are a number of current, upcoming and recently completed projects which demonstrate this commitment.

Current and upcoming projects

- A \$12 million safety project to install wide centre line treatment along a four-kilometre section of the highway from west of Lord Lane at Moodlu to Wamuran township, commenced in August 2021. In addition, pavement rehabilitation works will be undertaken from just north of Lord Lane to just south of Turnbull Road.
- Design is complete for an upcoming rehabilitation and intersection safety project on a four-kilometre section of the highway at Stony Creek.
- Design is progressing on a \$19 million project jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments for safety improvement works, such as wide centre line treatment and vegetation clearing, between Sandy Creek and Kilcoy. Construction is anticipated to commence in late 2021, weather and construction scheduling permitting.
- Design is progressing for \$5.5 million in road surface improvements on approximately 3.5 kilometres of the D'Aguilar Highway from the Bruce Highway ramps along the Caboolture Bypass.

Completed works

- In May 2021, TMR's contractor completed \$6.3 million in resurfacing work on four sections of the D'Aguilar Highway, from Caboolture bypass to just north of Bracalba Quarry.
- A pavement rehabilitation and intersection modification project was completed in July 2021 on the D'Aguilar Highway through Kilcoy. The reconfigured intersections at either end of Mary Street will improve traffic flow through the township.
- An amount of \$7 million was invested for rehabilitation works along 3.4 kilometres of the D'Aguilar Highway at Stony Creek, from just east of Eaton Lane to just east of Mary Smokes Creek. Works were completed in 2019.

- A safety improvement project east of Woodford township was completed in 2018, involving construction of an overtaking lane and upgrades to Ironbark Drive and Chambers Road intersections.

The importance of the D'Aguilar Highway to the State's road network is supported by the Palaszczuk Government's allocation of \$37.39 million for works on the highway within the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2021–22 to 2024–25*. In terms of planning for future upgrades, funding of \$751,000 has been allocated to undertake high-level corridor planning along the D'Aguilar Highway from Caboolture Connection Road in Moodlu to west of Wamuran. Planning is currently underway and will be completed in 2023.

During the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2021 (financial years 2015–16 to 2020–21), TMR delivered approximately \$44.62 million of transport and roads infrastructure investments on the D'Aguilar Highway sections between Caboolture and Yarraman, in TMR's North Coast region.

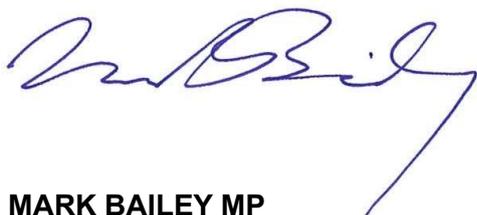
TMR has an annual program of resurfacing and rehabilitation works whereby larger sections of road are addressed through appropriate surfacing and pavement improvements. TMR also regularly undertakes inspections and monitoring of the D'Aguilar Highway to ensure it remains in a safe and trafficable condition for road users, addressing emerging defects through routine and responsive maintenance activities. Any identified safety issues, including potholes, are repaired as quickly as possible to provide a safer environment for motorists and other road users.

In addition, TMR has investigated the concerns about loose material from pothole repairs on the D'Aguilar Highway posing a hazard to motorists. TMR's maintenance contractors are required to follow prescribed guidelines and specifications regarding all pavement repairs, including clean-up and any sweeping of the work site as required. These obligations have been reiterated with TMR's maintenance contractors to ensure all work crews are undertaking maintenance repairs in accordance with the approved guidelines.

Finally, with regard to the upcoming projects on the D'Aguilar Highway, TMR would like to acknowledge the cooperation and patience of residents, businesses and road users during construction. TMR's contractors will endeavour to keep disruptions to a minimum while these projects are undertaken.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping tail extending downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads