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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3532-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 15 June 2021 requesting a dedicated northbound slip lane to Norfolk Village, as part of the M1 Pacific Motorway Yatala South (Exit 41) interchange upgrade.

I can advise that traffic modelling undertaken during the design of the Exit 41 upgrade determined that the predominant morning peak movement, from the northbound off-ramp, is across the overpass to the eastern side of the motorway. However, the predominant afternoon peak movement onto the southern section of Cuthbert Drive is across the overpass, from the eastern side of the motorway. In addition, developments to the south of the interchange, in the vicinity of Pascoe Road and Peachey Road, generally access the motorway further south via Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45).

I am also advised that input on demographics and future development potential received by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) from the City of Gold Coast had highlighted no major development attributing to future growth in the immediate area of Norfolk Village. The major growth is instead on the eastern side of the motorway and further to the west on Computer Road.

As a result of the above information, it was determined that the low traffic demand at this location did not warrant the construction of a northbound slip lane. For your reference, main construction on the Exit 41 upgrade has started and is expected to be completed in around 18 months. Information on the upgrade can be found on TMR's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/exit41.

It is relevant to note that under the previous LNP Government, not one new dollar was spent on upgrading the M1. The proposed Coomera Connector was removed from long term planning documents, and \$600 million was cut from the roads and transport infrastructure budget which would have otherwise been invested in important upgrades such as Exit 41 interchange.

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to invest in the Gold Coast and will continue to create jobs—by delivering its sixth record \$27.5 billion *Queensland Roads and Transport Investment Program 2021-22 to 2024-25*. As part of this investment, TMR's South Coast Region will deliver a \$4.806 billion program estimated to support an average of 4030 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey'.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads