



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PET 55843

17 JUN 2025

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

1 William Street Brisbane 4000
GPO Box 1549 Brisbane
Queensland 4001 Australia
Telephone +61 7 3719 7110
Email transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Website www.tmr.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4200-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 20 May 2025 about critical road infrastructure upgrades for Townsville's northern suburbs.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to providing a state controlled road network that is efficient, productive, reliable, and safe. This is what it takes to keep regional communities connected, and I acknowledge that this is what North Queenslanders expect and deserve.

Under the former Government, the Department of Transport and Main Roads completed a preliminary evaluation in mid-2024, into the Woolcock Street and North Townsville Road corridor project with a total project cost of \$2.3 million.

This evaluation was an important step to allow greater understanding of the challenges of this complex infrastructure location and identified several options to upgrade the road network in the area. These options are concepts only and wider consultation with stakeholders and potentially impacted landowners will occur once funding for a business case is secured. I note that, under the decade tenure of the former Labor Government, funding was not secured for future stages of planning, design, or construction.

Furthermore, the project was complex and considered how best to address safety and capacity issues while limiting impacts on the surrounding area, given the proximity of the Bohle River, bridges, two open-level rail crossings and existing and proposed residential and industrial development, schools and businesses.

In the meantime, my department will continue to monitor safety and capacity along this section of North Townsville Road. I acknowledge the hard work and ongoing constructive discussions with the Member for Hinchinbrook to ensure that the best outcomes are achieved in this area.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

BRENT MICKELBERG MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads