



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3425-20, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 1 December 2020 about M1 Pacific Motorway Pimpama (Exit 49) interchange upgrade.

The Queensland Government is aware of the ongoing rapid industrial and residential development in the northern Gold Coast area, which is adding pressure to busy M1 interchanges. Accordingly, planning for short- and long-term upgrades of various interchanges on the M1—including Exit 38 (Yatala North), Exit 41 (Yatala South), Exit 45 (Ormeau) and Exit 49 (Pimpama)—is progressing.

The concerns from residents regarding expediting the upgrade of the M1 Exit 49 at Pimpama are acknowledged. I am pleased to advise that over \$110 million in joint funding by the Queensland and Australian governments has been committed to delivering the Exit 49 upgrade for Pimpama residents.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently undertaking survey works as part of the detailed design phase of the upgrade. In order to deliver the best possible outcome for road users and the impacted community, the Exit 49 project team is working to further develop the concept design which was released to the public during business case phase in early 2020. The upgrade will improve traffic flow through the interchange by including a new bridge across the M1 with additional lanes, the upgrade of roundabouts to traffic signals, new signalised intersections and the realignment of the on-ramps and off-ramps to the interchange.

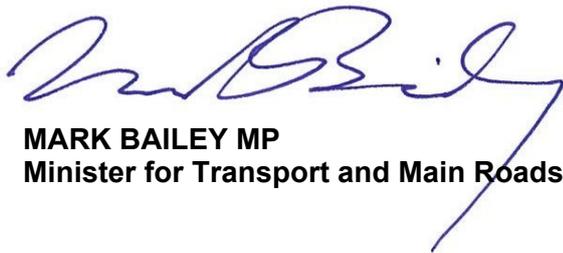
Community consultation will be undertaken in early 2021 once the preliminary design is ready. TMR is committed to providing information to the community and opportunities for feedback on designs. Further information on this and other M1 interchange upgrade projects can be found on TMR's website at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) by searching 'Pacific Motorway M1 Interchange upgrades'.

This project forms part of the recently announced \$1 billion in new and accelerated funding by the Queensland and Australian governments for high-priority road improvements across Queensland. This funding injection will deliver freight efficiency benefits, improve road safety, sustain local jobs and lift Queensland's economy. Overall, this \$1 billion of investment in road network improvements is estimated to support approximately 1000 jobs.

However, it would be remiss of me not to alert petitioners to the fact that we would likely be more advanced with M1 upgrade projects if it were not for three lost years under the former LNP Newman government. Under that government, not a single new dollar was spent on M1 upgrades and \$1.6 billion was cut from the roads and transport budget.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**