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

I refer to petition 3410-20, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Stephen Bennett MP, Member for Burnett on 26 November 2020 seeking support for progressing construction of a common user conveyor at the Port of Bundaberg, by finalising the project agreement with the Australian Government.

As part of the May 2019 Federal Budget, the Australian Government announced \$10 million in funding for the common user conveyor at the Port of Bundaberg under its Hinkler Regional Deal with Bundaberg and Fraser Coast regional councils.

Gladstone Ports Corporation was responsible for compiling its business case, while the Queensland Government conducted negotiations with the Australian Government to ensure Queensland's share of GST was protected. Communications protocols were established and a process to confirm project milestones was agreed. Following successful negotiation of these issues, I signed the agreement on 2 October 2020 to facilitate the funding arrangements for the common user conveyor at the Port of Bundaberg. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is working with the Australian Government to finalise details around timing and delivery milestones.

The Australian Government is also currently considering the business case developed by Gladstone Ports Corporation.

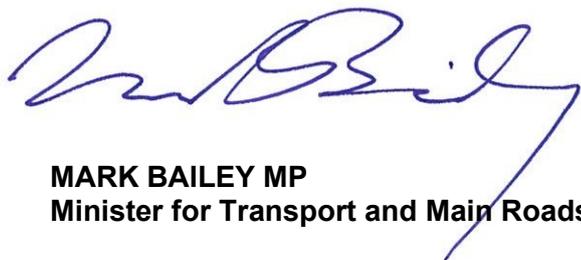
The common user conveyor is expected to be completed in 2022 and will assist the Port of Bundaberg in being a more competitive port for the export of bulk commodities.

To further support development at the Port of Bundaberg, the Palaszczuk Government and Gladstone Ports Corporation are also each contributing \$1 million for the first stage of a common user bulk storage and trial shipment facility adjacent to the conveyor facility at the Port of Bundaberg.

This project—together with the conveyor facility—will further enhance the efficient, safe loading and unloading of goods at the port.

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 downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads