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

I refer to petitions 3982-23 and 4040-24, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jon Krause MP, Member for Scenic Rim on 5 March 2024, about upgrading the intersection of the Cunningham Highway and Ipswich–Rosewood Road at Amberley.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) appreciates the concerns of the petitioners and is committed to improving safety and reducing congestion at the intersection.

During the formal community consultation undertaken in 2022, TMR asked the local community, road users and other impacted stakeholders to provide feedback on two proposed concept designs which were short-term focused upgrades to the intersection.

TMR acknowledges that a high percentage of respondents did not select a preferred option. Additionally, the feedback indicated a strong desire for a long-term solution, as outlined in the petition. Suggestions included a grade-separated solution or bypass of the intersection. In light of this feedback, TMR is investigating other options, including Stage one, a short-term treatment to improve safety, which remains a priority.

TMR is also considering the community consultation regarding planning for Stage two – a medium to long-term upgrade.

To inform planning, TMR continues to engage with stakeholders, including the Royal Australian Air Force, and has recently released consultation outcomes. TMR will continue to update the community as the project progresses. Funding is currently allocated to progress the planning phase. Future stages, including design and construction, are subject to further funding.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$4.565 billion is committed across TMR's Metropolitan region, estimated to support an average of 3500 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

BART MELLISH MP
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