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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 3574-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 2 December 2021 about legalisation of golf carts on public roads on Coochiemudlo Island.

I note that a similar petition was lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 11 March 2021—petition 3488-21—in relation to legalising the use of golf cart type vehicles on Coochiemudlo Island. As advised in response to petition 3488-21, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) can issue conditional registration to golf carts to allow their limited use on Coochiemudlo Island. However, to ensure compliance with section 12 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2021, authorisation must be sought from Redland City Council (RCC), as the road owner, and a permit obtained from the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

The petitioners' advice of the environmental benefits of replacing cars with electric golf carts for transport around Coochiemudlo Island is appreciated. TMR supports alternative transport options that offer benefits to the environment, reduce congestion and provide greater accessibility for Queenslanders. However, as always, decisions in relation to road access need to be balanced with road safety considerations.

Ultimately, as noted above and in the response to petition 3488-21, permitting the use of golf carts on public roads is at the discretion of the relevant local government—in this case, RCC—and QPS.

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