



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries
and Marine Infrastructure**

Our ref: PP1738-11 & PP1838-11

Your ref: Petitions

19 DEC 2011

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

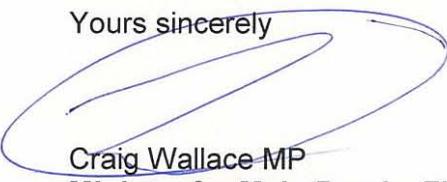
I refer to petition numbers 1738-11 and 1838-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Neil Roberts MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services and Member for Nudgee on 1 December 2011, about the proposed relocation of Nudgee Road northbound on-ramp to Childs Road as part of the Gateway Motorway North project planning.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads completed community consultation for a draft plan to upgrade the Gateway Motorway North from Nudgee to the Bruce Highway on 28 July 2011. The project team is currently completing technical investigations based on the feedback received. I am advised this petition will also be considered by the project team to help determine the preferred plan.

Detailed technical investigations are focussing on whether alternative ramp arrangements are possible at Nudgee. Initial indications are that a major reconfiguration to the Nudgee Road interchange would be necessary to move the northbound on-ramp from its currently proposed location off Childs Road.

The reconfiguration of the Nudgee Road interchange is constrained by the culturally significant Nudgee Waterhole. The department is continuing to work with Indigenous parties and other stakeholders on possible options. The design resulting from the technical, environmental and cultural heritage investigations will be included in the release of the preferred plan early to mid 2012.

Yours sincerely


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