



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3174-19 and 3228-19, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 22 October 2019 and 24 October 2019, by Mr Stephen Andrew MP, Member for Mirani about saving the Rosella Store from compulsory acquisition.

The Rosella Store is situated on state-owned land managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) located within the future Bruce Highway road corridor.

I can advise that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has a current planning project identified in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2019–20 to 2022–23* (QTRIP) to undertake transport planning for the Bruce Highway between Hay Point Road and Temples Lane, south of Mackay. This project is expected to investigate the duplication of the Bruce Highway, north of Munbura Road to south of Crouchs Road. In addition to this, a separate planning project has also been identified in QTRIP to investigate the replacement of Alligator Creek Bridge on the Bruce Highway, south of Mackay.

I can confirm that any future duplication of the Bruce Highway in this area would require the use of the parcel of land currently leased to Ms Colleen Tucker by DNRME. Until detailed planning is complete, TMR is not able to confirm when the land may be required for future road purposes.

TMR has discussed options with local DNRME officers and can advise that, if the land is not required as a future road for a considerable period after the current two-year lease extension, a five-year lease renewal would be further considered.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MARK BAILEY', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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