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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to petitions 4224-25 and 4255-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 10 June 2025 about Safer Roads for Redlands.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to providing a state-controlled road network that is efficient, productive, reliable and safe. After a decade of neglect and inaction from the former Labor Government, which not only left our road network in disrepair, but left the State Government's finances in a precarious position, my focus as Minister for Transport and Main Roads is on delivering the much needed road infrastructure while having respect for taxpayers' money.

During the 2024 Queensland State Election campaign, the LNP committed \$8 million to upgrade the Valley Way-Mount Cotton Road intersection. This project will bring significant improvements to the safety, traffic flow, and overall accessibility of the area by reducing congestion, especially during peak hours. I am pleased to have secured funding for this in the 2025 State Budget, released on 24 June 2024, and my Department is commencing concept planning for this new project. Overall project costs, timelines for community engagement and project delivery will be determined once planning has progressed.

Planning for the upgrade of the Mount Cotton Road and Double Jump Road intersection is nearing completion. This planning process included two rounds of community consultation, the first to identify community concerns and priorities, and the second to seek feedback on a concept option to signalise the intersection. The next steps will be subject to finalising planning.

Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road four-lane planning is in the early planning stage, with a Preliminary Evaluation finalised. Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road will provide critical connections to the future stages of the Coomera Connector. Further information on this intersection can be found on TMR's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/coomera-connector-future-stages.

I note that under the former Labor Government, project costs ballooned, leaving Queenslanders in the lurch. Every dollar that is now required to address the \$6.7 billion in transport and road cost pressures is a dollar which cannot be put towards other worthy projects, including those in the Redlands.

With a view to addressing the fundamental issues around cost pressures which were inherited, on 17 June 2025, the Crisafulli Government announced that, as part of the annual QTRIP update, it will introduce a new framework. This would see a return to a competitive tender process for major transport projects, more detailed planning upfront and project costs to be disclosed after contracted, as well as upon final project completion. These changes will bring genuine industry engagement and competition, driving down project costs and delivering better value for Queenslanders.

The new framework is reflected in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2025-26 to 2028-29, released alongside the 2025 State Budget on 24 June 2025. To see what projects are currently funded in the Redlands area, you can visit the current *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2025–26 to 2028–29* at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/qtriponline>. QTRIP is developed in accordance with funding allocations identified by the Australian and Queensland governments in their annual budgets, which align to both government's policy objectives.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Mickelberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

BRENT MICKELBERG MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads