



Cameron Dick

Doing What Matters for Queensland



Cr Teresa Harding
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Dear Cr Harding

Thank you for your letter providing the Miles Labor Government with the priorities for Ipswich City Council.

Our Labor Government led by new Premier Steven Miles has delivered historic cost of living relief for all Queenslanders. By making multinational mining companies pay their fair share we have delivered \$1,300 off every Queenslanders' power bill, 50 cent public transport fares, cutting rego by 20%, free Kindy, free TAFE, we banned rent bidding, cut stamp duty for first home buyers and delivered \$200 FairPlay vouchers for all Queensland families to help with the cost of kids' sport.

We also have an ambitious plan for Queensland's future – more health workers and more hospitals, more schools, roads, public transport, projects to keep Queenslanders in jobs and a universal free school lunch program at State primary schools. We're building more homes for Queenslanders, delivering our nation-leading Energy and Jobs Plan to power our homes and economy with cheap firm renewable energy and we're acting on community safety with more police and crime prevention.

Local governments play a critical role in building strong communities and driving economic growth right across Queensland and I acknowledge the important work of Ipswich City Council.

In relation to your roads and transport priorities, I provide the following responses.

Ipswich Second River Crossing

As you would be aware, if re-elected the Miles Labor Government will commit \$146 million for a second crossing of the Bremer River, which includes \$4 million to complete the business case to determine the best location for the bridge.

This announcement builds on our over \$37 billion in funding for road and transport infrastructure in Queensland over the next four years of which \$4.7 billion will be allocated for Ipswich City Council area projects including:

- Bundamba Train Station, Mining Street station upgrade.
- Riverview – Moggill Ferry Road, River Road to Brisbane River to improve drainage, pavement stabilisation and strengthening.
- Ipswich to Springfield rail line business case and planning.
- Centenary Motorway and Springfield Greenbank Arterial Road exit ramp intersection upgrade.
- Springfield Parkway, Springfield Greenbank Arterial to Topaz Road (Ipswich) (Stage 2), duplicate two to four lanes.
- Hiddenvale Road (Calvert) bridge replacement.

Ipswich to Springfield Public Transport Corridor

The Miles Labor Government recognises the importance of a mass transit solution for the rapidly-growing western corridor, acknowledging that the Ipswich to Springfield corridor is a key part of the Queensland Government's vision for the SEQ rail network.

The Miles Labor Government is leading delivery of the current phase of planning in collaboration with Ipswich City Council (ICC) and the Australian Government with the Albanese and Miles Labor Governments, along with ICC, committing \$7.5 million for a detailed business case

Additionally, the Ipswich City Transport and Mobility Study has been underway to investigate the city's current transport network and potential responses to future demand that may support community mobility and economic growth.

Critical and Enabling Infrastructure – The Cunningham Highway

The Albanese and Miles Labor Governments have jointly committed \$212.5 million for four initiatives to improve safety and to cater for future traffic growth on the Cunningham Highway between Ipswich and Warwick.

The \$29.9 million Cunningham Highway safety package is delivering low-cost safety treatments at selected locations on the Cunningham Highway between Willowbank and Warwick. This work includes the progressive delivery of wide centreline treatments, audio tactile line marking, raised reflective pavement markers and pavement widening and renewal.

The Miles Labor Government is committed to improving safety and reducing traffic congestion at the Cunningham Highway and Ipswich-Rosewood Road intersection at Amberley, and recognises this intersection is the main access point to Australia's largest operational military air base, the Amberley RAAF Base.

As you would be aware, the Albanese and Miles Labor Governments have re-allocated the \$20 million Cunningham Highway planning commitment towards longer-term planning for this intersection and other priority links, including:

- Cunningham Highway – Yamanto to Ebenezer, including assessing options for grade-separation, a bypass or duplication of the highway.
- Planning for Ripley Road and Swanbank Road interchange upgrades.

This planning will inform future priority upgrades on the Cunningham Highway, including priorities to be delivered under the remaining funding.

Should the Miles Labor Government be re-elected, we look forward to continuing to work with you to continue to do what matters for Queensland.

Yours sincerely



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