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~~Dear Mr O'Brien~~ *Llew,*

Thank you for your kind letter of 6 June 2022 congratulating me on my appointment to Cabinet and regarding funding for the Tiaro Bypass. I regret the delay in responding.

It is an incredible honour and privilege to have the opportunity to serve our nation and I am very pleased to have been appointed to this key portfolio which gives me the opportunity to help build a better future for Australians in every corner of the country – from the cities and the suburbs to the regions and remote Australia.

At the 2022-23 October Budget, the Australian Government committed more than \$19.3 billion towards major infrastructure projects in Queensland over the 10 years from 2022-23, under the Infrastructure Investment Program. This includes \$1.3 billion across 10 projects which the Government committed to at the 2022 Federal Election.

I am pleased to inform you that the Australian Government has committed \$268.8 million to fund the four lane Tiaro Bypass, confirmed through the October 2022-23 Budget. I recognise the benefits the bypass would have on economic development and road safety in the Wide Bay area and look forward to its delivery.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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