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Director
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Attention: Mr Russell Davie

Dear Russell

Re: GATEWAY UPGRADE PROJECT
PROPOSAL FOR 4 TRAFFIC LANES
OLD CLEVELAND ROAD TO WYNNUM ROAD

I refer to the meeting between Sanjay Ram, Phil Meyer and Erine Ward from the Gateway upgrade Project (GUP) and Steve Alcock and yourself on 16 October 2008.

At that meeting QML advised that it was currently considering an enhancement to GUP which included the provision of an additional lane (auxiliary lane) each way between the Old Cleveland Road Interchange and the Wynnum Road Interchange (layout attached). This would result in the lane configuration between these interchanges being 4 lanes each way compared to the 3 lanes each way in the EIS.

Currently the potential enhancement is merely a proposal by the GUP Contractor and requires further development and subsequent value for money assessment prior to any final decision by QML and the state on whether to proceed. Timing for any final decision is expected in December 2008.

The existing Meadowlands Road Bridge which crosses over this section of the Motorway is not wide enough to span the proposed 8 lanes and it would need to be replaced by a longer and higher structure. QML has discussed the replacement of the bridge with Brisbane City Council (BCC) and they have verbally advised that they have no objections provided that the Meadowlands Road crossing is not closed to traffic during construction (except for establishing temporary connection etc.). There may also be some minor land impact if the design results in a spill through onto BCC land on the western side of the motorway just north of the Meadowlands Road Bridge. The land in question is parkland owned by BCC and has been partially cleared by the Western Corridor Recycle Water Pipeline (WCRWP) which runs parallel to the motorway in this area. This issue is currently being resolved with BCC.
The purpose of this letter is to formally advise you of the possible enhancement to the GUP and give you the opportunity to advise of any requirements the Coordinator General may have in relation to the proposed works.

Yours sincerely

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QML's Representative

Enc: Proposed Section of Revised Scope