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TO: Department of Transport and Main Roads
North Coast Region

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Dear Planning team TMR

**RE: TMR SUNSHINE COAST MOTORWAY MOOLOOLABA-PEREGIAN-WEST COOLUM ROAD UPGRADE-
INTERCHANGE**

The Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc. (OSCAR) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit peak body/umbrella group representing resident and community organisations across the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Local Government Areas in South East Queensland.

OSCAR currently comprises 36 member groups spanning from Pumicestone Passage to Noosa and from the Coast to the Hinterland and Ranges. Collectively, these organisations represent several thousand engaged, community-minded residents who are deeply committed to protecting the environmental, cultural and social values of our region.

Over a number of years OSCAR as a resident and community group peak/umbrella organisation has taken a keen interest in and has commented on several State Government proposals relating to various aspects of transport both vehicular and public transport.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposal at West Coolum Rd/Sunshine Coast Motorway access project.

We note the key features of the project:

- *An exit ramp for motorists exiting the Sunshine Motorway on to West Coolum Road*
- *Widening to provide dedicated left and right turn lanes at the intersection with West Coolum Road*
- *An acceleration lane for southbound motorists entering the motorway*
- *Wayfinding signage to provide advance notice to motorists*
- *A raised traffic island on West Coolum Road east of the overpass to improve wayfinding and separate traffic*
- *Safety features including new lighting and a raised traffic median to separate opposing traffic on the motorway.*

We understand the need to create on/off ramps on the Motorway between David Low Way (MtCoolum) and the Coolum Beach/Yandina Rd roundabout.

As TMR is in the early stages of planning of this project we are writing to seek clarification for the community on a number of concerns that we assume you are taking into consideration.

1. Is the existing overpass over the SC Motorway at West Coolum Road as it exists, structurally at a standard in terms of load weight and lane width, to accommodate the considerable amount of traffic that the ramps and motorway crossing exit ramps will generate?
2. We note the proposed provision of an "acceleration lane for south-bound motorists entering the

motorway". Given the traffic on the motorway is heavy and constant and there are deep drains at the edges of both sides of the motorway, we question whether just an acceleration lane will be sufficient and that some duplication of the motorway for a further distance would enhance safety.

3. The proposal involves both the State Government and Sunshine Coast Regional Council. It is our understanding that Council will be completing their part of the project relating to Suncoast Beach Drive and the new road from Coolum South Rd to Coolum West Rd about 2030. We also understand that their planning and the TMR's planning is occurring at the same time. A resident has contacted us concerned that the completion of both projects simultaneously is essential.

The community would like a statement re TMR timing of start and completion times of the ramps and traffic use of such.

4. Given the topography of the motorway and surrounds along this area the community seeks assurance that Motorway traffic will still flow constantly during construction so that additional pressure is not put on David Low Way between Coolum and Marcoola.

5. What is the proposed cost of the TMR component of the project?

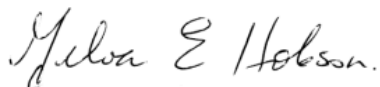
6. We appreciate and acknowledge the:

- *Wayfinding signage to provide advance notice to motorists*
- *A raised traffic island on West Coolum Road east of the overpass to improve wayfinding and separate traffic and*
- *Safety features including new lighting and a raised traffic median to separate opposing traffic on the motorway*

OSCAR asks that the Government keep the community informed and engaged in the project as there are concerns within the community about the impacts of increased traffic across the immediate areas along and surrounding Suncoast Beach Drive.

Again thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,



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