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Dear Rob

I wish to acknowledge your communication in relation to the Queensland Parliament's Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee, and its inquiry into petrol pricing and related issues in Queensland.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) comprises the mayors who represent the 18 councils in South East Queensland. The mayors work collaboratively to tackle the strategic issues that impact on the lives of the one in seven Australians who live in this region. One of the key areas of interest identified by the Council of Mayors is transport, and a working group has been established specifically to address priority issues, such as Australian Government funding for roads in SEQ and public transport.

The Council of Mayors Transport Working Group discussed the petrol pricing inquiry at its meeting on 23 November 2005. While acknowledging public concern about the recent increase in costs, member councils did not raise any specific issues with respect to petrol pricing. Furthermore, it was noted that recent data collected by Brisbane City Council indicated that increased petrol prices has not had a demonstrated impact on public transport.

Given the current focus of the organisation on a "Roads Campaign" in the context of an integrated transport plan for SEQ, the Council of Mayors looks forward to the release of the report from the Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee in March 2006.

Yours sincerely

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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