

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1748**

**Asked on Tuesday, 11 October 2016**

**MR BOOTHMAN** asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the congestion of vehicles exiting the M1 Pacific Motorway at Pimpama and Ormeau where vehicles are forced to queue back onto the M1 creating an extremely dangerous situation for both stationary vehicles exiting and others continuing their journey along the motorway—

Will the Minister advise what progress has been made to prioritise design works and funding for these critically important congestion-reducing and safety upgrades at these off-ramps?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Albert for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is aware that after three years of inaction by the previous State Government that the Pacific Motorway interchanges on the northern Gold Coast are being increasingly used by traffic both from the motorway and ongoing adjacent commercial and residential development.

Planning studies for short and long-term upgrades of northern M1 interchanges, including Exit 49 (Pimpama) and Exit 45 (Ormeau) are currently underway. The primary objective of these studies is to increase safety and efficiency at these interchanges. Once these studies are complete, an assessment of priority will assist in submissions for future funding.