



Honourable Mark Bailey  
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Dear Minister,

**Re: Petition 3533-21 Requestion Comprehensive Re-evaluation of GCRT Stage 4 Routes**

I refer to your letter of response to this Petition dated 30 September 2021. The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) champions quality design for public open spaces, stronger communities, and the role of the built landscape to contribute towards greater environmental stewardship. Our Queensland Chapter, including local Gold Coast members have contributed to the recent Community Consultation Sessions held by the TMR. We request your team to consider inclusion of AILA representatives as part of the steering and advisory panel for this project.

We are concerned that the response to the petition fails to adequately address the concerns raised by the community. We are also concerned about the recently completed Community Consultation for the Stage 4 extension undertaken on the Gold Coast.

We are aware this consultation will inform an ongoing study including the preparation of a business case for Stage 4. However we have concerns as follows:-

- A lack of due process and transparency in terms of assessing alternatives including:
- Poor terms of reference in assessing alternatives and a lack of detail around impacts and mitigation on the Gold Coast Highway Route.
- No Review of Environmental Factors in order to establish a baseline of assessment.
- No illustration of impacts on connectivity, visual amenity, landscape character, flora and fauna, cultural heritage (for example the terms cited as Amenity fail to address true values of the setting).
- Lack of information to make an informed decision such as traffic modelling, impact on side streets, parking impacts and change in local traffic movements to assess impacts.
- Lack of clarity in framework underpinning the concept.
- Erroneous detail in the concept.
- Lack of structure in the feedback/consultation.

Currently the route and illustrative concept sits in isolation and does not respond to context or the impacts on the setting, from ecological, social or landscape terms. It would be valuable if TMR could share the results of this consultation, which may more adequately capture community concerns about the design.

As requested above, we call on your team to consider the inclusion of AILA representatives as part of the steering and advisory panel for this project. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss, please contact Melanie West, AILA Queensland Chapter Manager on 0417 666 622 or [melanie.west@aila.org.au](mailto:melanie.west@aila.org.au)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tessa Leggo'.

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