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**The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP**  
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight

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Minister for Family and Community Services  
Minister for Social Housing  
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence  
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Member for Goulburn  
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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Mr Roger Bain of 22/5 Macquarie Street, Sydney, about the proposed Barton Highway route.

As you are aware, the Barton Highway duplication is part of a program of safety upgrades being delivered over four years by the NSW and Federal Governments. As part of the project, each Government is providing \$50 million to improve journey reliability and driver safety, ease congestion and boost freight productivity. The Federal Government allocated a further \$100 million in funding in the 2018-19 Federal Budget.

Roads and Maritime Services advised it is working on a business case for full duplication of the Barton Highway. A bypass of Murrumbateman will be investigated further during the detailed design phase of that section of the highway.

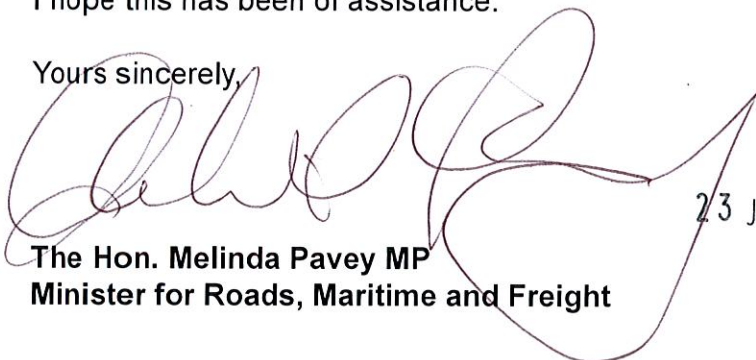
However, the eastern bypass corridor has been determined, following extensive community consultation. The design will maximise safety and travel time improvements, particularly from Murrumbateman to Canberra.

Mr Bain may rest assured as with any Roads and Maritime's project, full environmental studies will be carried out before a design is finalised for each stage. All designs will also cater for future growth and traffic movement.

For further information about the Barton Highway project, Mr Bain may wish to call the toll-free information line on 1800 931 250 or visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au).

I hope this has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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