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General Manger

I am writing in relation to the ownership of, and shared responsibilities for the Road Over Rail Bridge at the 71.720 km point of the North Coast Line, Burgess Street, Glass House Mountains from here on referred to as Burgess Street Road Over Rail Bridge.

It is the understanding of Sunshine Coast Council that we, Council, are not the owners of the Burgess Street Road Over Rail Bridge. Sunshine Coast Council accepts maintenance responsibilities for the asphalt surface on bridge deck and approaches, barriers on approaches, pavement markings, advanced warning signage and footway. This is the common definition of the responsibilities for bridge maintenance of local road (bridge structures) over main roads, and over rail.

The Burgess Street Road Over Rail Bridge is listed in schedule 1 of the Interface Road/Rail Agreement. However, the Interface Road/Rail Agreement is in draft and has not superseded any prior or current understanding of responsibilities for the management of risk, maintenance, major changes to infrastructure, emergency and incident response, and associated costs.

Sunshine Coast Council are aware of minor defects in critical components of the Burgess Street Road Over Rail Bridge. Queensland Rail supplied an inspection report and photos that identify the defects and recommend a course of action. It is understood that the recommended course of action has not been taken.

Sunshine Coast Council will undertake an inspection of the bridge and defective components. In undertaking this inspection Sunshine Coast Council are not accepting ownership of Burgess Street Road Over Rail Bridge or any change to Council's responsibility for risk management, maintenance, major changes to infrastructure, emergency and incident response, and any associated costs.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Whittaker".

Michael Whittaker
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