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Dear Councillor *Mark* Jamieson

I refer to a copy of your letter to the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier of Queensland, seeking an in-principle financial commitment from the state government for the future construction of a seawall between Alexandra Headland and Maroochydore Beach.

I acknowledge the contingency planning undertaken by Sunshine Coast Council for the long term protection of high value assets along the shoreline from Alexandra Headlands to Maroochydore Beach, and the request for an in principle financial commitment from the state government for the future provision of this infrastructure. I am told that council submitted a draft report to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in August 2013 outlining its plans to construct a seawall along this section of the foreshore, and seeking TMR's support to help fund and deliver the project.

Although TMR funds and maintains marine infrastructure, including boat ramps and pontoons, the provision of this particular type of seawall infrastructure falls outside TMR's jurisdiction. I understand that TMR has no objections to council's report. However, due to the legacy of debt and deficit left by the previous Labor government, there is currently no available state funding to contribute to this planned infrastructure. At present, there are a number of other higher priority projects in the region that are competing for funding including upgrades to the Bruce Highway. While TMR is not able to contribute funding at this stage, it would be pleased to work with council and provide any required input into the planning or design phases of this project.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Mike Hyslop, Manager Network Planning and Performance on 5451 7055, or by email at northcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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