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Mr Michael Whittaker
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Dear Mr Whittaker

I refer to your letter to Queensland Rail's former CEO in relation to the Burgess Street bridge on Glasshouse Mountains Road.

In 1981, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) transferred Burgess Street from a state controlled road, to the then Landsborough Shire Council (now Sunshine Coast Regional Council) as per the notice in the Queensland Government Gazette on 27 June 1987.

It is Queensland Rail's advice, that as part of DTMR's transfer to Council in 1981, responsibility for maintenance of the Burgess Street bridge was also transferred. As such, maintenance for this bridge is the responsibility of Council as the road authority, not Queensland Rail.

Where a road over rail bridge is constructed as part of railway commissioning works and an agreement is not in place, Queensland Rail takes maintenance responsibility of the bridge. However, with the Burgess Street bridge, an agreement was in place at the time of construction whereby the road authority accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the structure.

Queensland Rail welcomes the opportunity to work with Council, and provide access to the rail corridor during a scheduled shutdown so an inspection and/or maintenance works can be undertaken on the Burgess Street bridge.

One of our officers is currently in discussion with Sunshine Coast Regional Council's Manager Transport Infrastructure Management, Mr John Clarke regarding future maintenance track closures and third party rail corridor access procedures.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

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