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The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure
Transport, Regional Development
and Local Government
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Albanese 

I refer to your letter to the Honourable Warren Pitt, former Minister for Main Roads and Local Government advising of your approval of the 49 projects in Queensland under the 2009-10 Black Spot Program and 93 projects under the Nation Building Packages, announced on 12 December 2008 and 3 February 2009. As you are aware, Mr Pitt retired at the state election. As I have been appointed the Minister for Main Roads, I am responding to you on this matter.

I note from your recent letter to Mr Pitt that Queensland is to receive \$31.123m in 2008-09, comprising \$12.856m for the already approved standard program, \$12.178m under Nation Building package 1 and \$6.089m under Nation Building package 2. For 2009-10, Queensland is to receive \$24.256m, comprising \$12.078m for the standard Black Spot program and \$12.178m under Nation Building package 2. I further note that the Australian Government has permitted Black Spot proposals to be recommended on the National Network under Nation Building package 2. Queensland's allocations for National Network nominations are \$3.417m in 2008-09 and \$3.417m in 2009-10.

I also note that you seek Queensland's agreement to the following conditions, which are related to the Nation Building projects.

- Upon receipt of payment for the 2008-09 approved projects, Queensland will hold these funds, and any interest earned, separately. Any savings, including interest earned, can be expended on other approved projects or new projects, subject to approval by the Australian Government.
- Queensland acknowledges that the estimated cost of approved projects under the Nation Building packages was over-committed by \$1.365m, in order to mitigate any potential under-expenditure as a result of unforeseen factors, such as flooding or unseasonal wet weather.
- Queensland is to provide a report on the progress of approved projects for the 2008-09 additional funding by 31 July 2009 and 31 January 2010.

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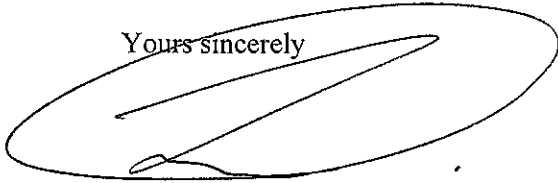
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- Queensland will submit status reports for the additional Black Spot funding for 2009-10.
- Queensland will comply with the Black Spot Notes on Administration in relation to any project variation requests for projects approved under the additional Black Spot funding.

I am in agreement with the conditions outlined above in relation to the Nation Building packages and look forward to working with you on these important safety works for Queensland's roads.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Craig Wallace'.

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