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Dear Mr Buchanan

Thank you for your letter of 20 May 2026 to the Honourable Brent Mickelberg MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, about funding for a Large Animal Activated Roadside Monitoring and Alert (LAARMA) system trial in Mission Beach. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf on this occasion.

Firstly, I would like the thank the Cassowary Recovery Team for their ongoing dedication and actions to protect the cassowary in Far North Queensland. The Cassowary Recovery Team is a great example of how collaboration between various government agencies and community-led environmental organisations can make a real difference in the protection of this iconic species in the Wet Tropics.

The LAARMA trial on the top of Kuranda Range Road in 2024 delivered successful results that are promising for the further development of the system. Further testing is required at other locations before the system can be rolled out at strategic locations in the Far North District.

This next phase of testing is proposed to evaluate the ability of the system to detect cassowaries over a longer distance, employing multiple sensors and evaluating the driver response over that extended period. Future funding to progress this will be subject to subsequent Budget iterations and processes.

Thank you for your support for the LAARMA system and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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