



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Minister for Main Roads

Our ref: MC49589

Your ref: Petitions

25 JUN 2010

Mr Neil Lawrie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Corner Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear  Mr Lawrie

I refer to petition number 1445-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steven Kilburn MP, Member for Chatsworth on 19 May 2010 about installation of noise barriers on the Gateway Motorway, north of Yeates Close and continuing north east of Kenilworth Place to Ridgeview Street, Carindale.

A road traffic noise assessment for the upgrading of the Gateway Motorway between Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Old Cleveland Road had determined where noise barriers were required so that the Department of Transport and Main Roads noise criterion level would not be exceeded for a 2021 horizon. These barriers have since been constructed for this project.

This assessment was undertaken in accordance with the departmental document, *Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice* which provides a consistent approach for all Queenslanders.

Nevertheless Queensland Motorways Limited (Queensland Motorways) has directed the Gateway Motorway Upgrade Project contractor, Leighton Abigroup Joint Venture to reinstate approximately 90 metres (maximum) of noise barrier that had previously existed on the edge of the motorway partially in front of Pembridge Place. It is expected that this barrier will be completed by the end of this financial year.


It is important that all constituents are treated consistently with respect to the impact of road traffic noise especially with the noise reducing treatments provided along all sections of the Gateway Motorway.

Road traffic noise measurements at four locations between Yeates Close and Ridgeview Street have been completed. The results show that the noise level at residences are well below the departmental criterion level of 68 decibels, which needs to be exceeded before consideration can be given to the construction of noise barriers.

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I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Wallace', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Craig Wallace MP
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