



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Our ref: MC50037

Minister for Main Roads

Your ref: Petitions

12 JUL 2010

Mr Neil Lawrie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Lawrie

I refer to petition number 1468-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands on 9 June 2010, requesting the resurfacing of a section of Cleveland-Redland Bay Road at Victoria Point.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has advised a resurfacing project was recently completed along Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, between its intersections with Benfer Road and Anita Street. This resurfacing project required laying asphalt at the intersections and sprayed seal using 14mm and 7mm aggregate respectively, between the intersections.

Since completing the project in early April 2010, a resident with a property backing onto Cleveland-Redland Bay Road contacted the department to advise current noise levels are well above the pre-project levels. Departmental officers, including the project's Principal Engineer and Project Manager, inspected the road surface and reviewed the project's Quality Assurance documentation.

The department acknowledges there can be changes in the levels and type of noise generated with newly sprayed seals when compared to asphalt surfaces. While this change is typically not more than three decibels, it may be different depending on the individual circumstances of each project. In most instances it is the change in noise characteristics, not its volume, which is most noticeable.

I am advised that noise levels were not measured prior to the resurfacing project, so the levels measured after the resurfacing cannot be compared to any previous readings. However, at the resident's request, the department measured noise levels at the subject property after the completion of the recent resurfacing project. The average measured levels were found to fall below the minimum level specified in the department's *Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice* for any remedial action to be considered. It is the department's belief the noise levels have not changed by the eight decibels as a result of recent resurfacing works.

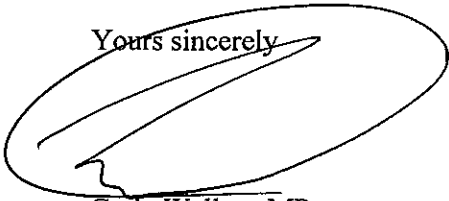
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The petition requested the department consider undertaking an overlay of the sprayed seal surface. The department has considered this request and given the above information, further work along this section of Cleveland-Redland Bay Road is unwarranted in this instance.

Undertaking an overlay on this section therefore does not represent the most appropriate use of the limited public funds allocated specifically to maintaining the state-controlled road network.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require further information, please call Ms Fatima Muhammed (Project Manager) in Brisbane, on 3137 8354. Ms Muhammed will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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

Craig Wallace MP
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