

Our ref: MC9954

Your ref: 404-04

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

Dear Mr Laurie

**Re: Petition No 404-04  
Existing noise barriers at Elanora**

I refer to the petition number 404-04 lodged in the Legislative Assembly office on 10 November 2004 by Ms Jann Stuckey MP, Member for Currumbin, on behalf of Mr John Picton regarding a request to extend the height and reposition existing noise barriers on the Pacific Motorway adjacent to Darnell Street and Almond Court at Elanora.

The Department of Main Roads has a program to deliver traffic noise reduction works on the Pacific Motorway south of Nerang, based on a priority order list. The priority order list has been developed by identifying those areas where residents have been most affected by traffic noise for the longest period of time. An allocation of \$3m has been programmed for this year and the next two financial years to deliver the works.

Work involving the existing noise barriers adjacent to Darnell Street and Almond Court are not included in this priority list of works for the M1 south of Nerang under the current \$3m allocation. Further, as no works are being planned in this area, additional traffic noise measurements will not be considered at this stage. Priority is being given to those areas that do not have any noise barriers and areas where residents have been established for a longer period of time.

Traffic noise reduction works, such as noise barrier construction, must compete with all other transport infrastructure works for funds that are limited. A higher priority may be allocated to works that improve traffic capacity and traffic safety. However, Main Roads will record the road noise issue at Darnell Street and Almond Court and investigate further works in this area as funding permits.

I have arranged for an electronic copy of this response to be forwarded to your office.

Yours sincerely

**PAUL LUCAS MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**