Hon. Paul Lucas MP

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Your ref: 677-06

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No 677-06 - request for sound barriers Caloundra Road

I refer to the petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra, on 8 June 2006 requesting the installation of sound barriers to reduce the level of road traffic noise for residents along Caloundra Road from Pierce Avenue to Ridgewood Road.

In situations where residents are subjected to high levels of road traffic noise, the Department of Main Roads will consider providing noise barriers on a priority basis in accordance with the Main Roads - *Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice.*

On new roadwork projects, noise barriers are provided as part of the project where the noise levels at adjacent residences exceed the thresholds in the Code of Practice. However, for existing roads, where there are no new roadworks planned, noise barriers are provided on a priority basis as funding permits.

The project to upgrade Caloundra Road between the Bruce Highway and Parklands Boulevard will include noise barriers that are required by the Code of Practice. However, there are currently no funds available for noise barriers on the existing road to the east of Parklands Boulevard.

Main Roads is preparing a Road Traffic Noise Management Strategy for the state-controlled roads in the sunshine coast. The strategy, in its current form, is based on a number of broad assumptions in order to cover the 1 000km of state-controlled roads. Further work, including noise level measurements, will be undertaken over the next several months to investigate the priority road sections in more detail.

When that work is completed, the top priority locations will be considered for funding in future revisions of the Roads Implementation Program.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads