



Warren Pitt MP
Member for Mulgrave



**Queensland
Government**

Our ref: MC33555

Your ref: 946-07

**Minister for Main Roads and
Local Government**

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition No. 946-07 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Tim Nicholls MP, Member for Clayfield, on 14 November 2007, requesting the current noise barriers along the Gateway Motorway, in the vicinity of Raceview Avenue, be extended northwards.

This particular matter has been subject to a Parliamentary Question on Notice No. 1504, that Mr Nicholls MP, asked the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, formerly Minister for Transport and Main Roads, on 29 November 2006.

Mr Nicholls MP was advised that the Department of Main Roads operates according to the Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice, introduced in 2000. The intervention level for the consideration of provision of noise barriers on existing roads is 68 decibels [dB(A)]. Main Roads conducted road traffic noise monitoring in this area of the Gateway Motorway in 2004. The noise level recorded, based on the traffic volume at the time, was 65dB(A). Traffic volumes have not increased to the point that noise in this area would be expected to meet the criterion level. Traffic volumes would have to double to increase by 3dB(A).

As noise levels along the Gateway Motorway at Hendra are unlikely to have met the intervention criteria, the upgrade or construction of additional noise barriers is not warranted at this stage.

The Gateway Motorway Upgrade is currently underway and involves:

- Construction of a second bridge.
- Upgrade of 20 kilometres of the Gateway Motorway from Mt Gravatt - Capalaba Road in the south to Nudgee Road in the north.
- Construction of a new Gateway Motorway deviation, providing a more direct route north of the river and better access to Brisbane Airport.

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I am advised traffic volumes on this section of the Gateway Motorway are expected to decrease upon the delivery of the Gateway Deviation portion of the Gateway Upgrade Project. This is expected to reduce the level of road traffic noise experienced by residents, as well as alleviate traffic congestion in this area. The four-laned Gateway Motorway Deviation is scheduled to be opened by mid-2009 and the entire upgrade is expected to be completed in 2011.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Main Roads