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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 3033-18 and 2975-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Tim Mander MP, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Member for Everton on 30 October 2018, about traffic noise concerns on Gympie Road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) manages noise on state-controlled roads in accordance with the *Transport Noise Management Code of Practice* (the code), which establishes a consistent standard for dealing with the effects of road traffic noise. The code contains the noise level criteria that must be met before TMR can consider treatment of noise-affected properties. For residential properties adjacent to an existing or upgraded road, the intervention noise criteria level is 68 decibels (dB), which is an average of the hourly noise levels over the 18-hour period between 6.00 am and midnight. Properties must be experiencing this level of noise to be considered for potential noise mitigation funding.

A road traffic noise assessment was completed in 2012, which found that noise levels at dwellings along Gympie Service Road between Ellison Road and Nevin Street, Aspley, were calculated to be over the 68dB threshold, and thus, can be considered for potential future funding. I note that this report was prepared under the then LNP Government of which the Member for Everton was a Minister. The same LNP Government that cut a \$20 million program to fund construction of noise barriers.

TMR recognises that Gympie Service Road, between Ellison Road and Nevin Street, Aspley, is a candidate for future noise mitigation solutions. TMR will consider funding for such works in the future, subject to competing statewide priorities and available funds.

Further details on the code can be found on the TMR website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au by clicking on (1) 'Business and industry', (2) 'Technical publications' and (3) 'Transport noise management: code of practice'.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

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