



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Minister for Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

6 DEC 2010
Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1536-10 and 1595-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Ros Bates MP, Member for Mudgeeraba, on 23 and 25 November 2010, about sound barriers along the Pacific Motorway (M1) at The Glades residential development.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises that there are some noise barriers in place in the adjacent road reserve to the Glades Estate. These barriers run parallel to the M1, between the southern bank of Mudgeeraba Creek and Robina (Exit 82) and along Robina Drive. Barriers at the closest point are approximately 100 metres away from Easthill Drive residences.

I am advised the department acted as a referral agency to the Gold Coast City Council in the development application process for the Glades Estate. As part of the development application, the department advised council that landscaping and noise amelioration measures be provided by the developer along the boundaries of all properties in the Glades Estate fronting the M1.

Council did not adopt the department's recommendations, insisting that the installation of noise barriers along Mudgeeraba Creek would be inappropriate as it is on a floodplain. The other concern raised was the obstruction of the Gold Coast skyline vista. Although the department and the developer raised concerns regarding potential ongoing noise issues, council decided to oppose the construction of noise barriers.

I am further advised that the department undertook a road traffic noise assessment in 2006 and more recently in 2008 as part of the Robina Interchange upgrade. Results of both assessments indicated that road traffic noise levels do not meet the department's criterion for noise amelioration treatment under the department's *Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice*.

Yours sincerely


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