



Warren Pitt MP
Member for Mulgrave



**Queensland
Government**

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Your ref: 897-07

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

**Minister for Main Roads and
Local Government**

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, formerly Minister for Transport and Main Roads. Petition No 897-07 was lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Mark McArdle MP, Member for Caloundra, on 5 September 2007, requesting the replacement of crash barriers on Caloundra Road, Caloundra and the installation of noise barriers adjacent to Little Mountain Home Park.

The Department of Main Roads has advised the provision of noise barriers is determined in accordance with the *Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice*. For existing roads, where there are no new roadworks, noise barriers will be considered on a priority basis where the average noise levels at adjacent residences exceed 68 decibels [dB(A)].

Main Roads has further advised that under the project to develop a noise management strategy on the Sunshine Coast, noise testing was carried out within the Little Mountain Home Park in April 2007. The average noise level was 57dB(A). As this is well below the 68dB(A) intervention level, the department does not propose to install any noise barriers in this instance.

On the separate matter of crash barriers, I am advised that an existing vehicle barrier system is currently located adjacent to the Little Mountain Home Park on the north side of Caloundra Road. This guardrail was installed in accordance with Main Roads specifications at the time of installation and additional posts have since been installed to strengthen the guardrail.

I am further advised that a review of crash data recorded by the Queensland Police Service over the past five years indicates only two barrier impacts and that the existing guardrail has successfully shielded residences on the north side of Caloundra Road. There is no recorded incident of a vehicle penetrating the barrier system.

Yours sincerely

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