



**Warren Pitt MP**  
Member for Mulgrave



**Queensland  
Government**

Our ref: MC36831

Your ref: 1100-08

**19 SEP 2008**

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

**Minister for Main Roads and  
Local Government**

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1100-08 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steve Dickson MP, Member for Kawana, on 27 August 2008, about installation of noise barriers along the Nicklin Way, following construction of an additional northbound lane on this section of the highway.

The Department of Main Roads accepts the need to consider noise reduction measures where residents are adversely affected by high levels of road traffic noise from state-controlled roads. The provision of any measure is determined in accordance with the department's *Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice*.

The code provides guidelines for the assessment, design and management of road traffic noise. It also details criteria where noise reduction measures may be considered and establishes consistent methodologies for determining priorities.

For existing roads which have been upgraded, the average noise level where barriers may be considered is 68 decibels.

I am advised Main Roads will conduct noise level monitoring at the Elandra Retirement Village. If the noise level warrants a noise barrier under the provisions of the code and if an effective barrier could be constructed, Main Roads will allocate funding for the work in the 2009 review of the Roads Implementation Program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

If you require further information, please call Mr Geoff Dawson, Manager (Network Planning and Performance), on 5482 0333. Mr Dawson will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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