



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



**Queensland
Government**

Our ref: MC48839

Minister for Main Roads

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1414-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steven Kilburn MP, Member for Chatsworth on 14 April 2010, about removal of noise barriers on the northbound overpass section of the Old Cleveland Road intersection with the Gateway Motorway at Carindale.

Queensland Motorways Limited (Queensland Motorways), which is delivering the Gateway Upgrade Project on behalf of the state, has advised that the steel noise barrier to which the petition refers to, has been reinstated as part of project works.

The removal of the original barrier on the edge of the Gateway Motorway, between the northbound on-ramp at Old Cleveland Road and Palm Lake Resort, was necessary to allow widening works associated with the project. Reinstatement of the noise barrier was not necessary, as noise modelling in this area predicted noise levels would be below the maximum noise level criteria. However, I am advised that following requests from residents of Palm Lake Resort in early 2009, Queensland Motorways decided to reinstate the original steel noise barrier. Works to reinstate the barrier were completed recently.

I am further advised that representatives from Queensland Motorways and the project contractor, Leighton Abigroup Joint Venture, meet regularly with a committee of Palm Lake Resort residents to provide updates on construction progress and to address any issues of concern to residents. Palm Lake Resort residents also receive fortnightly project construction updates informing them of upcoming works in their area.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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