



Hon Craig Wallace MP
Member for Thuringowa



Minister for Main Roads

Our ref: MC50033

Your ref: Petitions

20 JUL 2010

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1465-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steven Kilburn MP, Member for Chatsworth on 8 June 2010, about calling upon the Department of Transport and Main Roads to continue negotiations with Palm Lake Resort residents regarding the installation of noise barriers on the property boundary of the resort with the Gateway Motorway at Carindale.

The department advises that the section of noise barrier in question is the property of the resort and that the barrier meets all the noise criteria set by the department.

Representatives from the Gateway Upgrade Project (GUP) met with representatives from the resort on Wednesday, 10 February 2010, and explained the situation regarding the noise barrier in question.

It was explained that this barrier, which was the property of the resort, met all departmental requirements with respect to noise levels and that there was no need to replace it.

The GUP representatives were also able to outline details of landscaping being installed on the motorway side of the noise barrier and addressed a number of concerns regarding existing trees overhanging noise walls. The department was also able to adjust another noise wall by extending it 12m south, as requested by representatives of the resort.

I appreciate the local Member's strong advocacy on this issue. The department will continue to monitor the noise levels of this community as part of the ongoing noise management strategy for GUP, to ensure that the barrier continues to meet all departmental requirements.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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