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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 4317-25 and 4344-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 9 December 2025, requesting the installation of noise barriers on either side of Hooker Boulevard (Nerang–Broadbeach Road) between Rio Vista Boulevard and Dunlops Canal.

I understand road traffic noise can be a concern for residents and recognise the need to consider noise reduction measures where high levels of road traffic noise from state-controlled roads may adversely affect residents. The delivery of noise abatement treatments, such as noise barriers, are depending on a number of factors including technical feasibility of installation, noise levels themselves, cost effectiveness and funds availability.

I note that Nerang–Broadbeach Road is included in planning for additional road upgrades and public transport services as part of the *2032 Delivery Plan*. While noise barriers are currently not planned under the existing Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program, installation of noise barriers may be considered as part of the broader planning process along this corridor. I will continue to work with the Member for Mermaid Beach in this regard.

I am advised the principal petitioner has previously contacted my department requesting noise barrier installation due to the removal of trees on Nerang–Broadbeach Road. In mid-2024, my department completed minor vegetation maintenance, including pruning branches that were overhanging into traffic lanes. Additionally Gold Coast City Council recently pruned low hanging vegetation on the adjacent service road as it was impeding service trucks. While trees and shrubs do sometimes provide a visual block of traffic, it has been found that they are generally ineffective in lowering noise levels unless there is at least 30 metres of dense plantings of trees with an understorey of shrubs.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads