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## Minister for Transport; Planning

Your ref: Petition No. 139

Our ref: 72-24114

Hon M Swinbourn MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
c/o [env@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:env@parliament.wa.gov.au)

Dear Mr Swinbourn

### **PETITION NO. 139 – TONKIN HIGHWAY AND HALE ROAD**

Thank you for your letter dated 13 February 2020 regarding the petition concerning future plans for the intersection of Tonkin Highway and Hale Road.

Main Roads has been developing concept designs for the Tonkin Highway Corridor – South of Roe Highway project as part of the ongoing strategy to upgrade the safety and efficiency of Tonkin Highway.

The scope of this project proposes to widen the existing four-lane highway to six lanes and replace the three at-grade signalised intersections at Hale Road, Welshpool Road, and Kelvin Road. The proposed upgrade involves constructing bridges on Tonkin Highway at these intersections to create a free-flowing road environment with fewer points of conflict.

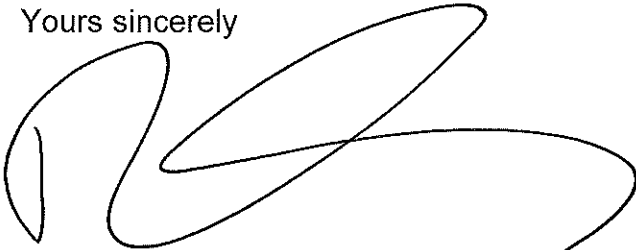
As a result of representations made by the Member for Forrestfield and members of the local community, Main Roads is now further examining options for providing safe connections to and from Tonkin Highway at Hale Road. An extensive traffic modelling process for the project is underway, in consultation with the Cities of Kalamunda and Gosnells, and this will include assessing the impacts of all options at Hale Road, including the proposed flyover.

The options assessment process has included installation of more than 50 loggers and 25 cameras on Tonkin Highway and surrounding roads to monitor traffic volumes and vehicle journeys.

Main Roads will have the results of the traffic modelling by the end of the first quarter of 2020. Shortly thereafter, as part of engagement with project stakeholders, the agency will share the results with the local community and seek feedback on potential issues to ensure the best project outcomes.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

17 MAR 2020