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## Minister for Transport; Planning

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Dear Ms Faragher

### **PETITION NO. 039 - ROBINSON ROAD, BELLEVUE**

Thank you for your correspondence received on 17 December 2021 regarding Petition No. 039 - Robinson Road, Bellevue.

As you are aware, the Government is committed to constructing the new Bellevue Railcar Depot as it will deliver a significant benefit to the local economy and create many new jobs through the manufacture of the METRONET railcars, Australind replacement railcars and from the long-term operation of the depot as a railcar maintenance facility.

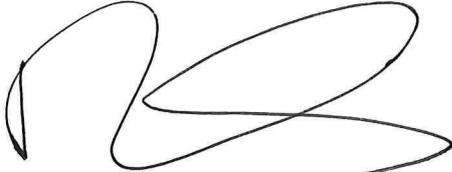
I have previously announced that Robinson Road will close in late 2022 to facilitate the construction of rail tracks through this area. These tracks have been proposed since the first concept design for the depot was developed six years ago.

In July 2021, Main Roads WA completed a traffic modelling study in the area around the depot to ensure potential impacts to the local road network are understood and if any modifications to local intersections may be required. The modelling shows a localised minor increase in queue lengths due to the closure, with this occurring in the morning and afternoon peak periods at the existing signal-controlled sites at Clayton Street / Lloyd Street and Great Eastern Highway / Lloyd Street intersections. In order to address this, targeted works will be undertaken at these intersections to accommodate the revised traffic movements.

The modelling also demonstrated that overall, the low daily traffic volumes across Robinson Road can largely be accommodated via the Lloyd Street underpass, which was part of the original intent of this new link when it was built in 2015. In September 2021, Main Roads WA, the Public Transport Authority and representatives from my office met with representatives of the local community, being the Bellevue Residents and Ratepayers Association, to discuss the findings of the Main Roads Traffic Modelling Report.

Separate to the closure of Robinson Road, the planned medium to longer term development of the wider area in terms of intensification, new network access and accessibility via the Lloyd Street extension, may generate traffic capacity issues that will need to be considered. As such, the Government is committed to continue undertaking wider traffic modelling, planning and stakeholder engagement to develop a longer-term integrated transport strategy to meet future travel demands in Midland and surrounding areas.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MPA  
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

**28 MAR 2022**