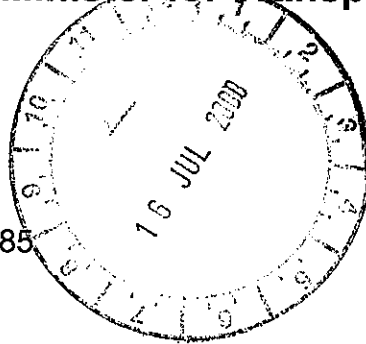




Minister for Transport



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Hon B Ellis, MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

I refer to your letter of 24 June 2009 seeking clarification regarding the innovative techniques to be implemented during the community consultation and construction phases of the Roe Highway Extension project, Kwinana Freeway to Stock Road. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Main Roads joined recently with its industry partner AECOM Australia to form a team dedicated to the delivery of integrated project development services (IPD) for the Roe Highway Extension project. Services to be provided by IPD will be delivered via a comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement process and include:

- Environmental, Aboriginal heritage and other statutory approvals and clearances;
- Project planning;
- Concept design and assessment of alternatives;
- Research in to best practice sustainability initiatives; and
- Traffic and other studies.

Further to the above, it should be noted that the highest level of community consultation will be engaged in during the planning of the project. This consultation will offer more comprehensive involvement for stakeholders than any project previously undertaken by Main Roads. In this context, stakeholders are considered as partners in a collaborative decision making process which acknowledges their ownership of the resultant outcome and commits to a 'win-win' outcome.

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The IPD team will engage with key stakeholder such as Local Governments and community interest groups. Information sharing will be conducted via media and direct mail campaigns intended to identify and source representation from a variety of avenues and interest groups. In order to adhere to its commitment for considerable engagement, tools and process for devolving information will be developed by the community and stakeholder teams working co-operatively with the IPD team.

This process will ensure that the engagement strategy will perform as a tool by which all involved work together with aligned objectives to develop and take ownership of innovative design and construction solutions. In addition to developing techniques, which recognise and respect Aboriginal heritage and seek outstanding project social outcomes, opportunities will be promoted to enable community and stakeholder representatives continued involvement. This will ensure that agreed outcomes are carried forward within the project ethos to the final design and construction stage of the Roe Highway Extension.

The structure of the IPD team is currently forming and developing its resource base and it is expected that dialogue will be initiated with interested parties shortly leading to the commencement of the comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement process during August 2009.

I trust the information provided has clarified this matter for you. The Committee's ongoing interest in this innovative project is certainly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Bill Marmion, MLA
**PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

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