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Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Committee Office
Parliament House
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Dear Chair

Re: Petition No. 115 – Corner Thomas and Nicholson Roads in Oakford

I am writing to you and the committee in regards to the above petition tabled in the Legislative Council by Hon Donna Faragher MLC on the 11 April 2019.

On 14 March 2019 I tabled a petition containing 1,593 signatures in the Legislative Assembly requesting the upgrade for this intersection be made a State priority. Following tabling of this petition I made a Grievance to the Minister for Transport raising the urgency and community's expectation with her. I have enclosed a copy of Hansard for your reference.

The local Federal Member, Andrew Hastie MP, has also been championing this intersection and was successful in obtaining \$10 million on 28 March 2019. As a result of the federal funding, the State Government announced it would match that funding on 14 April 2019, with expected works to commence in 2020, however clarification on the timeframe in which this critical project will be completed is still not clear.

I understand that further work will be required in terms of the final detailed design and gaining the necessary environmental approvals etc.

As you may be aware, there are a number of commitments in the surrounding area that have not yet commenced, which has added to the local community's frustration. There are other intersections along Thomas Road that require upgrades, such as Kargotich Road, which also featured on this year's RAC top ten riskiest intersections list. This and many other dangerous road upgrades within the area will obviously not be undertaken until the Thomas and Nicholson Roads intersection is completed and it's on this note that the community is rightly concerned.



This community has seen more elections than any other in this State and have had many local road projects promised. As a result of the high incident numbers and recent loss of lives on these local roads, a more detailed understanding of the timeframe for this project would be of great value to the community. Any assistance the Committee can provide in obtaining this detail would be appreciated by those who signed the two petitions and the broader community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on this important road safety measure and if I can assist further in anyway, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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