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Dear Matthew

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

Thank you for your letter dated 12 April 2019 regarding *Petition No. 115 – Corner Thomas and Nicholson Roads in Oakford* which I tabled in the Legislative Council on 11 April 2019.

The petition, which contains 28 signatures, reflects the community's desire to have the intersection at Thomas and Nicholson Roads in Oakford upgraded as soon as possible. For your information, a petition containing 1,593 signatures made a similar request and was tabled in the Legislative Assembly by the Member for Darling Range, Alyssa Hayden MLA, on 14 March 2019.

As you may be aware, the intersection has been identified as requiring urgent safety improvements for some time. In the five years to December 2016, I understand there were 57 reported crashes and 14 casualties requiring hospital or medical treatment. Furthermore, more recently in the RAC Risky Roads 2018/19 Survey this intersection was listed number 2 in their top 10 most risky intersections in metropolitan Perth. The intersection also appeared in the 2016/17 Risky Roads summary.

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The 2018/19 RAC survey results identified the following issues:

“Area requires lights/roundabout. Little chance to turn/cross traffic. Vehicles travel over the speed limit.”

As noted in the petition, \$10 million in Commonwealth Government funding has been allocated to the upgrading of this intersection. In addition, since the tabling of the petition, the State Government announced on 14 April 2019 that this Commonwealth funding would be matched (\$10 million State, \$10 million Federal).

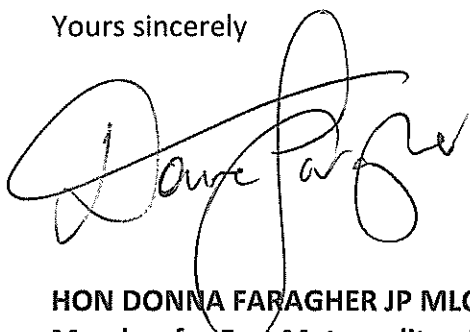
These are both welcome funding announcements, however it should be noted that the petition requests that the project be made a State priority.

I understand from the State Government’s press statement that works are expected to commence in 2020. The community will be keen to know the exact timeframe for the commencement of these works and their completion. I noted in the press statement that further work will be required in terms of the final detailed design and gaining the necessary environmental approvals.

The Committee’s assistance in obtaining further clarification from the State Government regarding the timeframe for these critical works, including the necessary approvals required before the commencement of works, would certainly be appreciated by the petitioners and the community generally.

Thank you again for providing me the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee in relation to this important matter. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Faragher', written in a cursive style.

HON DONNA FARAGHER JP MLC
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