



Minister for Transport; Planning

Your ref: Petition No.115

Our ref: 72-19328

Hon M Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

THOMAS ROAD AND NICHOLSON ROAD INTERSECTION

Thank you for your letter dated 16 May 2019 regarding Petition No. 115 – Corner Thomas and Nicholson Roads in Oakford.

The Thomas Road and Nicholson Road intersection has been under investigation for some time due to its high number of crashes causing fatalities and serious injuries, including a high number of right angle and right turn crashes. Between 2014 and 2018, 48 crashes were recorded at the intersection and an investigation to determine the appropriate safety treatment measure was completed in late 2018.

On 14 April 2019, the State Government announced \$10 million in funding for the Thomas Road and Nicholson Road intersection upgrade in Oakford, as part of a \$1.7 billion roads package to transform roads across Perth's eastern suburbs. The funding complements \$10 million previously allocated by the Federal Government.

Main Roads has completed a concept design for the project and is progressing development and detailed design work. The proposed scope includes the construction of a dual lane roundabout and associated approach road upgrades at the intersection. It would transform the intersection from a predominantly staggered T-Junction, to a four-way intersection allowing the north and south legs of Nicholson Road to meet with Thomas Road at the one intersection.

Planning work has included traffic modelling and simulation for a number of treatments including the proposed layout, signalisation, as well as various roundabout options for both morning and afternoon peak traffic periods. A Road Safety Audit has also been completed for the intersection. Construction will occur as soon as practicable.

Main Roads has been liaising with Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale regarding the project, who have indicated their support.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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