



Minister for Transport; Planning

Your ref: Petition No. 132
Our ref: 72-22910

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

PETITION NO 132 – TONKIN HIGHWAY

Thank you for your letter dated 5 December 2019, requesting comments on the terms of the above petition and the submission of the principal petitioner.

Noise mitigation measures, including noise walls, for the Tonkin Gap Project are being considered as part of the project development.

Initial noise monitoring results indicate that traffic noise levels marginally exceed policy levels in some locations along Tonkin Highway. Further noise modelling will be undertaken as part of the detailed design phase to establish where noise walls are required once the road design is finalised, as has been done on adjacent Gateway WA and NorthLink WA projects.

Mitigation measures will ensure that the highway design, including noise walls and road surfacing treatments, are developed in accordance with noise limits set by the WA Planning Commission's *State Planning Policy 5.4 Road and Rail Noise*.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

14 FEB 2020