



Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands

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Our ref: 72-11124

Hon M Swinbourn MLC

Chair

Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

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Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO 52 – MURDOCH DRIVE CONNECTION

Thank you for your letter dated 10 May 2018 regarding Petition No 52 – Murdoch Drive Connection project tabled in the Legislative Council on 20 March 2018.

The final concept design for Murdoch Drive Connection ensures an equitable redistribution of traffic around the local road network, while confirming the core objectives of the project – two way connectivity between the Murdoch Activity Centre, Roe Highway and Kwinana Freeway, is not compromised. This reflects extensive community input and liaison with local government, including a widely publicised information session in August 2017 to which Murdoch Chase residents were invited.

I am aware there are some concerns amongst the Murdoch Chase residents in relation to the final design of the Murdoch Drive Connection and its effect on local traffic and access. The project does result in changes to Murdoch Chase access with Murdoch Drive, with the most efficient route seeing road users accessing Murdoch Drive from Allendale Entrance via Farrington Road and Bibra Drive. Traffic modelling was used to analyse alternative options, however all other treatments placed significant pressure on the local roads and intersections. A direct link to Murdoch Drive via Farrington Road would also require the acquisition of additional land and an amendment to the project environmental approval.

While the journey distance between Murdoch Chase and Murdoch Drive will be longer, the travel time will not be significantly impacted and will only affect a small number of people. Construction of the finalised concept design is due for completion late next year and Main Roads remains committed to liaising closely with the community as the project progresses.

Thank you for taking the time to write regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

12 JUN 2018