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Member for East Metropolitan Region**

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Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Committee Office
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Dear Matthew

Re: Petition No.139 – Tonkin Highway and Hale Road

Thank you for your letter dated 5 December 2019 regarding *Petition No. 139 – Tonkin Highway and Hale Road* which I tabled in the Legislative Council on 4 December 2019.

The petition, which contains 4,000 signatures, reflects the community's strong opposition to the Main Roads WA plan for a flyover at the Tonkin Highway and Hale Road intersection which will remove access to Tonkin Hwy for local residents and local businesses in Forrestfield and Wattle Grove. As you may be aware, planning is currently underway to upgrade Tonkin Highway south of Roe Highway to Kelvin Road. The project includes the construction of grade separated interchanges as well as the construction of the proposed flyover.

The petition follows a community meeting held at the Forrestfield Football Club where more than 200 attendees expressed their individual and collective concerns with regard to the proposal and its potential impact on their communities.

The community welcomes critical infrastructure improvements across the road network but are not supportive of the current concept as it raises significant concerns including the potential impact on the surrounding road network, particularly local roads, commuting times and road safety.

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Local businesses and community organisations have also expressed particular concerns about how they may be impacted including loss of customers and membership numbers which may affect their financial position.

I understand that Main Roads WA is now re-examining options for providing connections to and from Tonkin Highway at Hale Road and traffic modelling is now underway. In response to questions I asked in State Parliament on 29 November 2019, the Minister representing the Minister for Transport advised that traffic modelling will include assessing impacts of options at Hale Road and feedback would be sought from the community.

The Committee's assistance in obtaining further clarification from the State Government regarding the traffic modelling and the community consultation process that is expected to be undertaken 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Donna Faragher', is written over a printed name and title.

HON DONNA FARAGHER JP MLC
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