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Dear Mr Foster

**Petition No. 076 - Planned upgrades to Toodyay Road, east of Dryandra Road**

Further to your letter dated 9 January 2023, requesting comments on the terms of the petition and the submissions regarding the above, please note the following:

- The Shire of Toodyay acknowledges the concerns raised in the petition.
- The Shire's Community Strategic Plan – Toodyay 2028 (CSP) recognises the Natural Environment as a core strategic focus. The Shire can protect and conserve our unique natural environment by advocating for responsible and appropriate development within the Shire.
- Objective 1 of the CSP is to protect and preserve our natural assets for future generations and therefore we seek to support the mitigation of adverse environmental impact to biodiversity and natural ecosystems throughout the Shire.
- Objective 2 of the CSP is to ensure sustainable operating practices. To achieve this objective the Shire will embed environmental awareness and impact into operational decision making and activities to better understand and minimise negative impacts on natural ecosystems.

The Shire recognises that development often results in competing needs and ideals, however truly sustainable development must be a balance between economic, social and environmental considerations. In this instance, safety is the key social consideration. While the Shire is grateful for the work that has been done in response to many years of lobbying to secure government funding to upgrade Toodyay Road, a rethink of the design may be more costly economically but could reduce the long-term cost to the environment without compromising the safety objectives of the project.

Please contact me on (08) 9574 9300 if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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