

14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Hon Peter Foster MLC  
Chair, Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council Committee Office  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
West Perth WA 6005

Dear Hon Peter Foster MLC

## **PETITION NO. 076 – PLANNED UPGRADE TO TOODYAY ROAD, EAST OF DRYANDRA ROAD, MORANGUP**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 November 2022 regarding Petition No. 076 – Planned upgrade to Toodyay Road, east of Dryandra Road, Morangup and for the opportunity to make a submission as the tabling Member.

The petition contains 1129 signatures and raises concerns brought to my attention by a group of concerned residents known as the Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads (SASTR) campaign. The group have identified concerns related to the planned upgrades to the Toodyay Road including environmental, safety and amenity impacts the planned improvements may have on this stretch of road.

The petitioners are calling for a review into the planned improvements with the view to;

- Finding ways to reduce the environmental impact on the area while improving the safety of the road.
- Considering the concept of turning Toodyay Road into a Scenic and Heritage Trail to increase tourism to Toodyay utilising the scenic beauty of Toodyay Road as it exists now. It is the belief of the petitioners that the planned improvements will destroy much of that scenic value.
- Reviewing the proposed increase in speed limit (to 110 km/h) to assess the impact of this increase to the safety of this section of road and for those who may be stopping along the route to enjoy the scenery.

I understand the SASTR group have further information regarding their concerns and suggestions on their website [www.sastr.com.au](http://www.sastr.com.au).

As the tabling Member, I am aware of the challenges of balancing the needs of improving road infrastructure throughout regional WA and some of the constraints encountered by Main Roads WA in achieving the best outcomes for WA road users including environmental and amenity factors. It is my hope and belief that the Committee can give this petition and the supporting documentation due consideration and an outcome that suits all parties can be reached.

I am available for further discussion and comment regarding this issue and would be happy to share my ideas about a possible way forward for this matter. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and for your time and expertise in considering this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Member for Agricultural Region

