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Roe 6 Noise Improvements Underway

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton, welcomed news that Main Roads has acknowledged community concerns about noise and other issues affecting residents living close to Roe Highway in Parkwood and has made significant changes to fix the problems.

"Main Roads staff have attended several community meetings that I have instigated and have reacted positively to the community's concerns regarding noise, visual and dust problems that some residents in that location are experiencing," said Dr Nahan.

"Noise testing is currently underway at several residential sites. Main Roads has pre-empted the results of that testing by agreeing to a community request to extend the existing screening bund by a further 60m to help mitigate the truck and traffic noise," said Dr Nahan.

"Main Roads has commissioned the City of Canning to extend the bund. Work has commenced and depending on the weather, it should be completed within a week. Tube stock vegetation will be planted on the extended bund area to help screen it."

Dr Nahan said the current noise testing underway at residential sites nearby would assist in establishing whether the noise levels meet the required standards.

"Nine noise loggers have been installed at several residential locations and the noise testing will continue over the next few weeks, subject to rain interruptions during the measurements," said Dr Nahan.

"The results of the testing will reflect the impact of the extension of the bund. Once the noise tests are completed, the results will be analysed and Main Roads will make a submission to the Minister for Transport on what further can be done to alleviate the problem the local residents are experiencing."

"Main Roads is also looking at privacy screening issues facing residents where the existing sound wall is too low and it is reviewing the highway reserve to see what vegetation could be planted there to alleviate the dust problems."

"These initiatives are a major investment in the local community and should improve conditions for the nearby residents."

Dr Nahan said Main Roads had clearly shown that it can act to ensure that Roe Highway is built sensitively to meet the concerns of adjacent communities.

"Roe Highway is a vital arterial road and I am pleased that Main Roads has acknowledged the issues that the local residents and I have raised, and that they have acted promptly to resolve those concerns," said Dr Nahan.

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