



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

Registration No.	28
Title	TIGER BRENNAN ROAD UPGRADE BETWEEN WOOLNER AND BENISON ROADS
Presented on	24 November 2009
Presented by	Member for Fong Lim (Mr Tollner)
Referred to	Infrastructure (Lawrie)
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Response due	5 May 2010
Response received	3 February 2010
Response presented	16 February 2010

Petition

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory.

We the undersigned respectfully showeth opposition to the road upgrade currently being undertaken on Tiger Brennan Road between Woolner Road and Benison Road, and directly behind the boundary of residential estate City Valley Estate, Woolner.

As residents of City Valley Estate, major issues resulting from this upgrade are of great concern to us include the following:

- Safety; with motor vehicles travelling at high speeds not five metres from our backyard with only a sheet of colour bond between us.
- Noise pollution; which has increased considerably since the upgrade commenced and will no doubt continue once finalised and opened to traffic.
- Property values; which may be adversely affected by this upgrade.
- Lack of consultation and information with residents before works commenced.
- The trees, which previously provided some form of barrier between our home boundaries and the main road, have had to be removed.
- Why did the extension not occur on the opposite side where there are no homes?

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that if nothing can be done to prevent road works continuing, a high solid wall, such as that at Parap Grove and the Narrows, should be constructed for the purpose of providing a safety barrier to reduce any risk in the event of an accident and decrease the significantly rising noise levels caused by increased traffic flow.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Response

City Valley Estate was developed in the 1990s and involved rezoning of industrial land to residential land adjacent to an existing arterial road. The developer and the ensuing purchasers of the land and homes in the area undertook those decisions in full knowledge of the status of the adjoining road corridor.

The metal wall that exists was provided by the developer and remains the responsibility of the landowners. The Parap Grove wall referred to by the Petitioners was fully funded by the developer of the subdivision through the sale of the residential land. As with City Valley, the subdivision occurred by rezoning of the industrial and adjacent to a major arterial road.

The current road works are consistent with the progressive upgrading of Tiger Brennan Drive as the principal road access between the Darwin Central business District and Palmerston. The planning of Tiger Brennan Drive, which dates back to the 1970s and which was documented in several public documents, provides for ultimate up-grading to a six-lane freeway and also can accommodate a Rapid Transit public transport service within the corridor.

I am unable to support the request for Government to construct a noise wall adjacent to City Valley, considering that the development proceeded in full knowledge of its location adjacent to the Tiger Brennan Drive corridor.

The Department of Lands and Planning has assessed the 'safety' issues raised in the Petition and has recommended the installation of a safety barrier adjacent to this section of Tiger Brennan Drive. I have approved the Department's recommendation for a 'safety barrier' which will now be installed in conjunction with the landscaping at the completion of the road works.