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Ms D Goostrey  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Ms Goostrey

### **Main Roads' approval of traffic signalisation proposals**

Thank you for contacting Main Roads on 18 January 2016 seeking information on the changes to Main Roads' approval process for intersection treatments. In recent years, congestion has been one of the major issues that has influenced Main Roads' planning in the Metropolitan area. The local community recognises the management of traffic congestion as one of the highest priorities for Main Roads, with 44% of road users believing their journeys are now taking longer. In addressing these concerns, Main Roads endeavours to find the best solutions that will reduce congestion for commuters.

One of these changes involves the options for implementing traffic control measures at intersections. To reduce congestion, Main Roads considers that in most cases roundabout treatments are preferred to traffic signalisation since they provide 24 hour operation with minimal delays to traffic and afford reduced through vehicle speeds.

In view of the above, I would like to inform the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) Principal, Research and Industry Partners, Western Australia Division Incorporated that traffic signalisation will only be considered once all other alternative treatment options have been fully explored and discounted.

While Main Roads recognises the importance of past planning and in-principle agreements; please note that previous structure plans or existing agreements will no longer be simply taken as a justification for traffic signals. Every situation will be assessed on individual merit and proponents wishing to seek approval for the modification or installation of traffic signals must provide a compelling argument in favour of the proposal.

Main Roads has developed a document to provide information to assist practitioners to determine the most appropriate intersection control solution between a roundabout and a signalised intersection. 'Roundabouts and Traffic Signals Guidelines for the Selection of Intersection Control' can be accessed at the following location:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BuildingRoads/StandardsTechnical/RoadandTrafficEngineering/TrafficManagement/Intersection%20Control%20Selection/Pages/default.aspx>

It is important for this change to be appropriately communicated to UDIA Principal, Research and Industry Partners and as such, Main Roads is seeking UDIA's assistance in disseminating the changes to the abovementioned approval process.



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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Brad Lenton, Traffic Services Manager on (08) 9323 4174. I appreciate your support in this matter with a view to delivering the best possible outcomes for the community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Troughton".

Stephen Troughton  
**Managing Director of Main Roads**

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