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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4002-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 13 February 2024 requesting the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) stop placing artificial turf on public land.

TMR uses concrete or similar treatments in narrow medians and intersection traffic islands where road safety constraints are an important consideration. It can be difficult to sustain vegetation in these environments due to soil profiles, limited irrigation and heat from surrounding pavements. The option of vegetation treatments introduces the need for more frequent maintenance increasing road safety risks and associated traffic control, which is costly.

There are limited locations within the state-controlled road network where artificial turf has been installed as an alternative finish to concrete. Given the context in which artificial turf has been used, TMR does not intend on removing the existing treatments and replacing them with vegetation.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bart Mellish', written over a white rectangular background.

BART MELLISH MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
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