



Minister for Transport; Disability Services
Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC

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Hon Anthony Albanese, MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development
and Local Government
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Anthony*,

Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2009 concerning the Federal Government's Boom Gates for Rail Crossings program under the Nation Building Program.

You may be assured that the Commonwealth's \$14.07 million funding program is a welcome addition to the Western Australian Government's Level Crossing Program. The Commonwealth funding will enable the State's Level Crossing Upgrade program to be advanced.

I am advised that discussions have taken place at officer level between Main Roads WA and the Department for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to determine the most appropriate administrative arrangements to be followed. It is pleasing to note that your Department has already considered suggestions made by Main Roads WA to streamline the submission process. This will ensure that appropriate levels of accountability are maintained while facilitating the timely delivery of the Program.

Main Roads WA advises that on 27 February 2009 it provided a Project Proposal Report detailing all of the proposed projects, based on a robust safety assessment, up to the capped allocation, as requested.

I have asked Main Roads WA to ensure the projects are undertaken without delay. To this end I understand Main Roads WA has been working closely with Western Australian rail operators and that all parties recognise the importance of delivering the works in a timely manner.

I assure you that the State will not reallocate existing funds for safety improvement works on railway level crossings, from its current program. I further assure you that Main Roads WA will undertake to provide regular expenditure reports to the Department for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, for both Commonwealth funded projects and those funded from the State's own revenue source.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT