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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF LIVESTOCK UNDERPASS ON THE BROOMEHILL-KOJONUP ROAD

Thank you for your letter dated 5 February 2026, requesting the construction of a livestock underpass on the Broomehill-Kojonup Road to facilitate the movement of sheep between portions of your property.

We appreciate you taking the time to raise this matter and acknowledge the challenges associated with moving livestock across a public road. We understand your concerns regarding increasing traffic volumes, driver behaviour, and the safety risks involved in crossing sheep between paddocks.

Following a comprehensive consideration of your request and consultation with the Shire's Works Department, we acknowledge that a livestock underpass may provide a long-term solution for stock movements, however, the design and construction of such infrastructure involves significant engineering, drainage, traffic management and construction costs.

Unfortunately, the Shire is not in a position to provide funding assistance for a project of this nature, nor is it currently included within the Shire's capital works program or budget allocations.

While the Shire is unable to fund the construction of an underpass, the Council would be prepared to consider a formal application for a privately funded underpass should you wish to pursue the concept further. Any proposal would need to be supported by appropriate engineering design and would be subject to assessment against relevant safety, drainage, environmental and regulatory requirements.



The Shire has also considered your suggestion regarding a traffic audit. Whilst traffic volumes have increased over recent years, the undertaking of a traffic study would not in itself provide funding for the construction of an underpass. At this stage, the Shire is not proposing to commission a traffic audit for this location.

As a potentially more practical and cost-effective alternative, you may wish to investigate whether additional gates or an alternative stock crossing point could be established along your property boundary where sight distances are improved and traffic risks reduced.

With respect to the safety concerns you have identified, it is important to note that responsibility for the management and movement of livestock on public roads rests with the owner or person driving the stock. Regulation 276 of the *Road Traffic Code 2000* requires that a person driving stock along or across a road must take all reasonable precautions to warn approaching traffic of the presence of stock and must conduct stock movements in a manner that minimises disruption and risk to other road users.

The Shire acknowledges your concerns regarding motorists who fail to respond appropriately to warning signs and traffic controls. However, having identified the risks associated with stock movements at this location, it remains the responsibility of the livestock owner to determine whether crossings can be undertaken safely and in accordance with legislative requirements. Any liability arising from accidents, injury, loss or damage associated with stock movements may rest with the person responsible for driving the stock.

For your information, Main Roads Western Australia has published guidance regarding livestock crossings on public roads, including recommended safety measures and traffic management practices. This guidance, which can be accessed [here](#), may be of assistance when planning future stock movements.

The Shire appreciates you bringing this matter to our attention and recognises the operational challenges faced by farmers in the region.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Callaghan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Callaghan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER