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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 subsequent letter dated 16 June 2026, regarding your request for a livestock underpass on Broomehill Kojonup Road.

I acknowledge that this is a disappointing outcome for you and that the matter is important to your farming operations. Your concerns regarding traffic, driver behaviour and the safety of moving stock across the road are noted.

I also wish to clarify the earlier discussions with Peter Vlahov, Manager of Works. Peter made enquiries regarding the road and the possibility of an underpass. These included the condition of the road, future resealing works, culvert requirements, traffic counts, possible road safety advice and potential funding options.

Those enquiries were undertaken to better understand the matter. They did not represent a commitment that the Council would fund, design or construct an underpass, or commission a formal traffic or road safety audit for that purpose.

Broomehill-Kojonup Road has been reviewed by an engineer as part of the Regional Road Group resealing program submissions for 2027 and 2028. A submission has been prepared for resealing works under the current preservation funding arrangements.

The culverts have also been inspected, and quotes have been obtained for the required upgrades. These quotes are currently being reviewed.



The Shire made several enquiries with Main Roads WA about whether a road safety audit could be undertaken in relation to the proposed stock underpass. Main Roads WA has not progressed the request.

Black Spot funding has also been considered. The program generally operates on two thirds and one third funding basis. Based on the information available to the Shire, there is no current Black Spot funding allocation for livestock underpasses.

The Shire has also considered Main Roads WA guidance regarding stock crossings. Main Roads WA may contribute to the construction of stock underpasses on roads under its control where traffic volumes warrant the infrastructure. Broomehill-Kojonup Road is a local government road and is not controlled by Main Roads WA.

Traffic counts for this section of Broomehill-Kojonup Road show an average of approximately 150 vehicles per day. Recorded numbers generally range from approximately 100 to 200 vehicles per day, depending on the time of year. Regional Road Group assessments are based on annual average traffic volumes and therefore account for seasonal increases and decreases.

As you're aware, the Council has previously considered the matter and does not support the allocation of public funds for the construction of a private stock underpass at this location. A key consideration is equity for other ratepayers who may seek similar infrastructure to support private farming operations.

You may still submit a formal proposal for a privately funded underpass should you wish to pursue the matter. Any proposal would need to include an appropriate engineering design and would be assessed against road safety, drainage, environmental, traffic management and regulatory requirements.

The Shire acknowledges the practical challenges associated with moving stock across the road. However, based on the available information and existing funding arrangements, the Council is not able to commit public funds to the construction of the proposed underpass.

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