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The Elders appreciate the need to establish substantial infrastructure to enable community growth, however they also believe that some alternative should be considered in relation to the extension or further development of either the Roe Hwy or Farrington Road.

In an effort to express their trepidation, the Elders wish to ensure that you are aware of their concerns for the locations environment, which also has traditional importance to them. Of further concern is the need to protect the cultural significance of the area, and to highlight that any disturbance would result in irreparable damage.

After considering the Council's concerns its is hoped that your awareness may inhibit any extension of the Roe Highway, and might ensure that Farrington Road remain without alteration, reducing the likelihood of future development of the area.

Yours sincerely

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Chairperson
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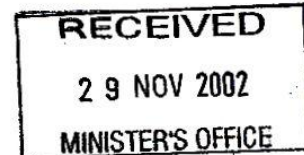
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