

WHITFORDS NODES — APPROVALS PROCESS

Petition

HON MARTIN PRITCHARD (North Metropolitan) [2.07 pm]: I present an e-petition containing 334 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. ...

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia note that Crown land Pinnaroo Point — Central Nodes Foreshore Reserve No. 39497 Hillarys Lot 501 CT 501/DP417135A, was leased to the City of Joondalup by the State and is now the proposed development site for a commercial facility and tavern after very limited public consultation and transparency.

This land was purchased by the State for the purpose of a Regional Park, with Parliament's decision supported by an EPA Report tabled as TP 119 (1976) which recommended Whitford Nodes be purchased to establish a Nature/Scientific/Conservation Reserve, or for Passive Recreation, as these uses were deemed those least likely to cause erosion and long-term environmental damage.

The EPA concluded that if the erosion seen elsewhere was wilfully allowed to occur in the Whitford area, this would be both costly and irresponsible.

We therefore call on Parliament to:—

1. Review the various approval processes that allowed a Crown lease O463422 for a commercial development, and
2. Determine if the approval satisfied all public sector policy, practice and schemes, and
3. Determine if there is a cost recovery process available to taxpayers of Western Australia for a decision process that was contrary to sound conservation and scientific evidence related coastal erosion effects at Pinnaroo Point.
4. Determine why the 1976 EPA Report TP 119 was ignored
5. Determine why this section of coastline subject to high risk coastal erosion forces was not being managed in accordance with recommendations of EPA Report TP 119 (1976)
6. Determine why WAPC Development Control Policy DC 5.3 and elements within were ignored
7. Determine why State Coastal Planning Policy SPP 2.6 was ignored
8. Determine why the WAPC/Statutory Planning Committee did not reference the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) (The Physical Science Basis) first instalment of the sixth Assessment Report (AR6) WGI Report (09 August 2021) (The Physical Science Basis) in its approval considerations
9. Determine why the WAPC/Statutory Planning Committee did not reference its own Position Statement: Dark sky and astro-tourism in its approval considerations
10. Reconsider the lease agreement, O463422, and reaffirm the aspirations and values of the Parliament and State Government that purchased the Whitford Nodes to establish and preserve the land as a significant Coastal Regional and passive Recreational Parkland

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 1458.]