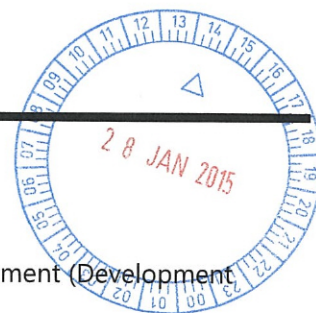


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Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee
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WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Ms Doust

Submission - Parliamentary Inquiry: Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011

We write to you to reiterate and endorse the issues expressed by the *Striker Balance!* Community Action Group Submission made to you on 23 January 2015 in relation to the inquiry into the *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011*.

Additionally, the view that was presented at the Legislative Council Hearing in 2014 regarding the Striker proposal, that DAP assessments are purely based on good design principles requires explanation as to whether this includes infrastructure design and planning.

It is imperative that good design includes assessing the capacity of the existing infrastructure (roads and public transport) to support any proposed development, and essential particularly when the development exceeds the stipulated R Codes.

I request that the assessment of the Striker development by the *Development Assessment Panel* (DAP) as demonstrating good design in relation to infrastructure be reviewed in this Inquiry, and the fact that there is no other such avenue or process in the current operation of DAP to make a request of review requires scrutiny.

The current situation where DAP processes are allowed to operate in a closed feedback loop which is generated as required and unchecked as meets the needs of DAP, is seriously self serving & potentially open to corruption.

We are of the view that this demonstrated lack of governance, transparency and accountability only serves the interests of those who will benefit financially and/or by relationship to those in positions to approve applications - such as the current situation where a former Melville Council employee now represents and is employed by the developer. It appears that state planners and developers have a cosy arrangement going.

There are serious implications for the erosion of "community" and the amenity of the suburb for many, which outweighs the importance of financial gain made by a few.

The procedures and actions of DAP, particularly the lack of clarity regarding what defines "good design", are flawed and we keenly await the findings of this Inquiry.

Regards

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