

BULLSBROOK — DUMPING PROPOSALS

Statement by Member for Swan Hills

MS J.J. SHAW (Swan Hills) [12.55 pm]: I would like to make the house aware of the Bullsbrook community's fight against completely inappropriate dumping proposals in Bullsbrook and congratulate the Bullsbrook Residents and Ratepayers Association, led by Anne Sibbel and Anne Janes, for its fierce defence of its community. The proposed dumps will operate six days a week for 10 years, requiring 160 semitrailer movements a day along a winding, steep and dangerous road. Trucks will tear along Chittering Road through the heart of the town and past Bullsbrook College, the childcare centre, shops and homes. It is an official tourist route that is also used as a bridle trail, a cycling and motorcycling route, and a walking track. Bushland that has been regenerated over decades at the old clay pits will be destroyed and native fauna will be driven from its habitat. The area will be turned into a major industrial operation—right next to people's homes. These dumps will generate excessive dust and noise and could pose asbestos, dieback and water contamination risks. The rehabilitation plan is complete nonsense! It proposes the planting of jarrah and marri trees into 20 centimetres of dirt on top of metres of compacted concrete. Rank attempts to call this proposal remediation are ridiculous and disingenuous in the extreme. It is completely unacceptable and we will continue to fight it through the State Administrative Tribunal and beyond if necessary. I also acknowledge and thank the member for Moore for his support in this matter.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr R.S. Love): Thank you, member.

Sitting suspended from 12.57 to 2.00 pm