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The Principal Research Officer

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee

Legislative Assembly Committee Office

Level 1/11 Harvest Terrace

West Perth WA 6005

RE: POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF AN AGEING COMMUNITY

To whom it may concern:

Twenty minutes south of Perth there is a thriving community known as Cockburn Central? This area has grown unbelievably in front of our eyes over the past 20 years. Between my neighbouring property and me we own 21 acres right in the hub of it all. This area has gone from strength to strength, it is known by the locals as 25 minutes...25 minutes from the City / Fremantle / Rockingham / Hospitals etc. It has shopping centres, service stations, restaurants, cafes and light industrial areas which house all your big brand shops. It is also very convenient to public transport as well as community centres and services.

Since 1997 we have been dealing with the WA Planning Commission to have both properties changed to Urban Development. We have strong beliefs that within this growing community our combined properties would be a fantastic location for an Aged Care Facility. In 1997 we were told by Chairman Carmen Brown (Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment No. 981/33) that we would have an answer regarding the urban development in our area by 2007. When we didn't get an answer in 2007 we were then told 2010 since then it has been a yearly wait...with still no answer! In discussions with Minister Joe Francis he has assured us that they will have an answer by November 2014. The City of Cockburn is all for the idea of making this 21 arce area an ideal place for an Aged Care Facility.

We would like to take the opportunity to inform you that we would be happy to work with developers or builders in relation to this matter. We ourselves are now retired and it is definitely important to us that we as a community look after our older citizens. With the surrounding areas being full of younger families it would make sense to have you family close and we believe an aged care facility in this thriving community would benefit from that. With the huge area available an idea of even putting a multi-story building throughout would not only house many more of our elderly but also make this place an age-friendly community in itself.

As you can see this would be a huge step forward for our state and age-friendly communities. I invite you to come down and check out the area on which I speak. You can find it situated on the corner of Beenyup & Tapper Road in Harvest Lakes.

Any questions or queries on this matter I can be contacted on

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