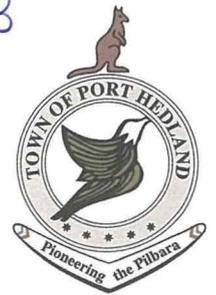
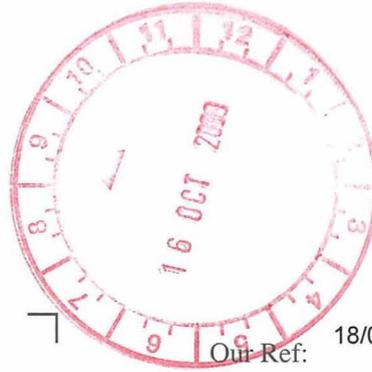


PUBLIC

33

**TOWN OF
PORT HEDLAND**



Ms Linda Omar
Committee Clerk
Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Legislative Council
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Out-Ref: 18/09/0020

Your Ref:

Enquiries: Darryal Eastwell

Direct Line: 9158 9352

Attention: Environment and Public Affairs Committee

Dear Ms Omar

RE: PORT HEDLAND INFILL SEWERAGE PROGRAM

I would like to request that the Environment and Public Affairs Committee inquire into the re-instatement of the Port Hedland Infill Sewerage Program as a matter of extreme urgency.

On the 11th of June 2009 the Town was formally advised that the Port Hedland Infill Sewerage Program (Port Hedland 9B & 10A) was to be deferred as the Water Corporation has agreed to reprioritise its funding to assist the State Government's capital savings constraints.

The Government's decision to delay the Infill Sewerage Program in Port Hedland severely restricts the Council's ability to permit increased residential density within areas of Port Hedland which may otherwise be well suited to such development.

Port Hedland is undergoing unprecedented demand for housing and is anticipating this demand to increase as development projects related to the resource sector and consequential port expansion come on-line.

The Town of Port Hedland has recognised the need to rezone some residential land and has supported the Premier's stated vision for the Town to become a Pilbara City with multi storey residential developments that capitalise on proximity to the ocean etc.

The Water Corporation's failure to proceed with the proposed infill programme at a time when the demand for land and housing is a critical concern, has become a fatal flaw for many proposed small businesses. The delay of the infill programme makes this a social issue which impacts on the availability of "normal" services in the town, as well as a potential constraint to state development as the resource and port related industries are already being hampered by the extreme shortage of workforce accommodation.

Port Hedland has large areas of land which cannot be developed to maximise the potential housing yield for the simple reason that sewer is not currently available.

The Town of Port Hedland feels that the execution of the original infill plan would provide benefits beyond the town, to state development as it will allow more timely port and industrial development by reducing the constraints on the availability of suitable land on which housing can be constructed.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact the Town's Director Regulatory and Community Services, Terry Sargent, on (08) 9158 9300 or the Manager Environmental Health Services, Darryal Eastwell on (08) 9158 9352 during office hours.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Eastwell', written in a cursive style.

Darryal Eastwell
Manager Environmental Health Services

16 October 2009