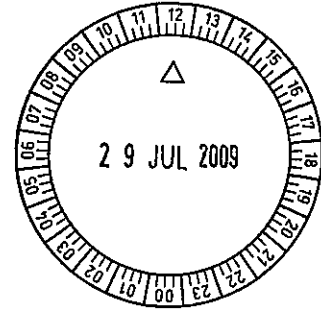




Minister for Planning; Culture & the Arts
Government of Western Australia

Our ref: 33-03388



Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear ~~Mr Ellis~~ *Brian*

PETITION NO.29 – BLAIR STREET AND KOOMBANA DRIVE, LOTS 707, 681, AND 723: RETAIN AS PARKS AND RECREATION RESERVE

Thank you for your letter of 24 June 2009 regarding Petition No.29 - Blair Street and Koombana Drive, Lots 707, 681, and 723: Retain as Parks and Recreation Reserve.

The proposed development for the Bunbury Waterfront, commonly known as Eastside is currently being analysed more carefully with the recent establishment of a Taskforce.

The land in question is currently reserved for Regional Open Space under the provisions of the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme (GBRS). The Taskforce has been established as a result of the vast amount of submissions received during the advertising of the Eastside Structure Plan to determine the development potential, if any, of the site.

The composition of the taskforce consists of the Hon John Castrilli MLA, the taskforce chairman, His Worship the Mayor Mr David Smith, and nominees from the following agencies, Department of Planning, LandCorp and Department of Environment and Conservation.

The terms of reference of the taskforce are as follows:

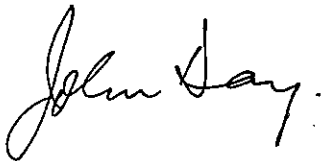
- define the Regional Open Space, City Centre uses and uses of State interest;
- create a policy statement for the development of any area identified for urban purposes;
- establish any requirements that may be associated with an environmental review of any project area or transport planning; and
- advance an amendment to the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme;

The technical advisory committee established by the taskforce is currently gathering relevant information and will be considering the public submissions on the land in question.

If the findings of the Taskforce recommend that development could be permitted on the abovementioned land, other than that which could be considered appropriate in Regional Open Space, an amendment to the GBRS will be required and the document will be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority for assessment, and will also be available for public comment.

No development will take place at the above-mentioned locations until all matters have been fully investigated, and proper statutory processes have been complied with.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Day". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**JOHN DAY
MINISTER FOR PLANNING;
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

28 JUL 2009

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