



MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER

Our Ref: 42-05379

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

Dear Mr Ellis *Brian*

PETITION NO 37 – HANSON QUARRY EXPANSION

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2011 regarding Report 1381 prepared by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on the Red Hill Quarry Development.

As you have noted, the EPA's report and recommendations were open to appeal until 14 February 2011. Three appeals were received and are currently being investigated by the Office of the Appeals Convenor on my behalf.

Once the Appeals Convenor has concluded his investigation, a report will be prepared for my consideration.

Subject to the outcome of the appeals, I am also required to consult with relevant decision making authorities in respect to the issues raised by the EPA before a final decision is made as to whether or not the proposal should be allowed to proceed.

Generally speaking, the process of investigating and determining these types of contentious appeals takes approximately eight weeks, with a further four weeks for the consultation with relevant Ministers and agencies. On this basis, I anticipate a final decision on this matter in mid to late May 2011.

Yours sincerely

Bill Marmion

**HON BILL MARMION MLA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER**

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