

Environment and Public Affairs Committee

Subject: FW: Petition No. 153 - Mount Pleasant Bowling Club

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Subject: RE: Petition No. 153 - Mount Pleasant Bowling Club

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC

Member for South Metropolitan Region

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair, Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Dear Matthew

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Thank you for your letter acknowledging receipt of this petition and inviting a further written submission.

Questions over the future of community facilities such as bowling clubs and seniors' centres have been a cause of disquiet in Melville in recent years. The Mount Pleasant Bowling Club is a fairly typical example of the changing profile of bowling clubs, with questions of how such premises might evolve to cater for other recreational needs while maintaining their own viability and identity. It is also representative of the conflicts local governments have to work through in identifying priorities and allocating resources.

You will no doubt be writing to the City of Melville in the course of your inquiries and I am sure the City's response will be eagerly awaited by the petitioners.

May I suggest that the Standing Committee visit the site? I am sure a visit would not only be useful in understanding the situation but would also be a gesture appreciated by the petitioners and enhance public appreciation of the Standing Committee's role.

Finally I am aware that the principal petitioner, Mrs Joy Pollard and her associates are preparing a submission, which I commend to your attention.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC
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