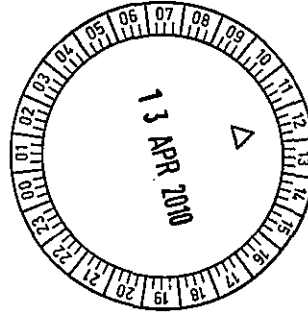


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Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council Committee Office  
18-32 Parliament Place  
WEST PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

## **PETITION NO. 46 – LAND CLEARING IN THE ROCKINGHAM NATIONAL PARK**

I refer to your letter dated 24 March 2010 seeking comments from the City of Rockingham as to how it is progressing the above matter.

Firstly, it should be stated that the City of Rockingham is not the proponent for the Woodbridge Second Access project. The City has provided support for a Ministerial Working Party established by the then Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (Alannah MacTiernan MLA) in early 2005 to address the provision of an additional road access. The Ministerial Working Group was originally chaired by the then Member for Peel (Norman Marlborough MLA). Since his resignation from Parliament, it has been chaired by the Mayor of the City of Rockingham, Councillor Barry Sammels.

The Ministerial Working Group comprised representatives from State and Local Government and local residents. The Department of Environment and Conservation is a member of the Ministerial Working Group.

The Ministerial Working Group had sought formal comment from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) in respect to the environmental impacts of the Eastern Entry - Option A, as it is considered the Eastern Option will have a far greater environmental impact on the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park as compared to the Northern Entry - Option B due to the possible variance against the clearing principles for the Conservation Category Wetlands at this location as compared to the preferred Northern Entry - Option B.

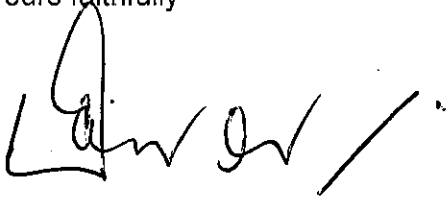
DEC has formally responded advising that it would be inappropriate for it to provide any further comment and instead advised that a formal referral should be made to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Northern Entry - Option B alignment.

The Ministerial Working Group held its final meeting on 22 February 2010 when it endorsed Northern Entry Option B as its preferred option.

The Ministerial Working Group's final report is being prepared and when finalised will be presented to the Rockingham Kwinana Planning and Development Taskforce.

No referral has yet been made to the EPA.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hammond', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ANDREW HAMMOND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER