



Hon Albert Jacob MLA
Minister for Environment; Heritage



Your Ref: Petition No. 25
Our Ref: 50-02959

Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Simon

PETITION NO 25 – OPPOSING USE OF PESTICIDES ON PUBLIC LAND AND OPEN SPACES

Thank you for your letter dated 26 February 2014 and its attachments regarding the above.

I note that Petition No 25 is principally concerned with the use of pesticides in urban environments, and particularly the use of herbicides by local governments. The matters raised are of most direct relevance to the Ministers for Local Government and Health and I note that the Standing Committee has sought comment from them.

I understand that potential risks associated with pesticides are subject to thorough evaluation as part of the registration process, and that the subsequent use of pesticides is subject to various strict legislative controls, regulations and licensing to further minimise off-target risks to people and the environment. Should the proposed investigation proceed and if required, I can arrange for relevant information about the control and use of pesticides by agencies within my portfolio to be provided.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE

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