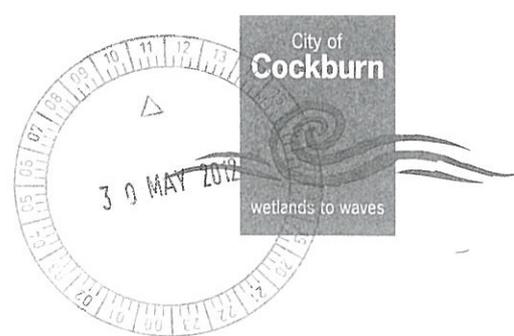


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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
Perth Western Australia 6000

Attention: Hon Brian Ellis MLC, Chair

Petition No 150 - Kwinana Industry Air Buffer Zone (Munster)

Dear Sir

I refer to your letter dated 17 May 2012 regarding the abovementioned petition received in respect of the Kwinana Industry Air Buffer Zone, within the locality of Munster within the City of Cockburn.

A report was recently considered by Council which provides (and reaffirms) Council's position in respect of the buffer. A copy of this report is attached and should provide assistance in respect of clearly illustrating the issues for this buffer.

Based on Council's position, it is clear that this matter needs to be dealt with as soon as possible, so as to provide a clear and final determination on whether the land within Munster (to which the petition relates) is or is not affected by a buffer associated with the Woodman Point Waste Water Treatment Plant and broader Kwinana Industrial Area. The position of the Council is that the buffer should be restricted back to the eastern foreshore of Lake Coogee, provided scientific evidence confirms this to be appropriate.

The Western Australian Planning Commission is the authority to determine the buffer issue, in accordance with the requirements of State Planning Policy No. 4.1 (State Industrial Buffer Policy).

The City understands this process will involve a buffer definition study and the WAPC should seek to undertake this as a priority project and in consultation with all affected landowners, the City of Cockburn and other agencies. Until this takes place, there will continue to be a lack of clarity on the future of this issue.

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