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## Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports

Our Ref: 72-40985  
Your Ref: A990983 Petition No. 065

Hon Peter Foster MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
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Dear Mr Foster

### **PETITION NO. 065 – PRESERVATION OF MOUNT CLAREMONT FIELDS**

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2022 regarding the above matter.

I understand the petition opposes any rezoning of the Mount Claremont playing fields (Fields), which are situated on freehold land owned by Christ Church Grammar School (CCGS). The petition raises concerns that any rezoning would potentially allow for future infill residential development.

This matter was first raised with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage during the assessment of the Town of Cambridge's Local Planning Strategy, where planning consultants acting on behalf of CCGS requested the Western Australian Planning Commission identify the Fields as a 'future development site'. This submission was dismissed due to lack of community consultation.

CCGS on the 28th July 2021, submitted a request (referred to as Amendment 41) to the Council, requesting that Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (LPS 1) be modified for the subject land, from its current designation of Parks and Recreation reserve to the Urban Development zone and apply a Special Control Area to provide site-specific development controls. The amendment was refused by at a Special Council Meeting held on the 25 February 2022.

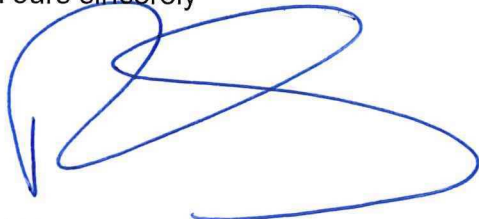
I note the petition's principal petitioner, Ms Josephine Dawson, references an application subsequently made to me under Section 76 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* on behalf of CCGS. This application seeks my approval to issue an order for the Town to initiate and advertise Amendment No. 41 to LPS 1.

Notwithstanding the above, no determination has yet been made on the Section 76 application pertaining to the Fields. In making a determination, I will consider the applicant's representation, and in particular, whether it is supported by documentary evidence or other material, including any relevant statutory instruments, frameworks, policies or plans, as well as the consistency of the representation with orderly and proper planning principles.

If a Section 76 order is made, it is required to be tabled in both houses of Parliament. Should I determine that a Section 76 order ought not to be issued in relation to this matter, I will advise the Committee accordingly.

Thank you for raising this with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

**02 DEC 2022**