



Minister for Transport; Planning

Our Ref: 72-29203
Your Ref: Petition No. 162

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chairman
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – PETITION NO. 162 – TAVERN IN PREMISES OF ILUKA PLAZA

Thank you for your letter of 15 October 2020 regarding the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs' Petition No. 162 – tavern in premises of Iluka Plaza.

The petitioners' concerns about the tavern are noted, as are the concerns raised after the Metro Outer Joint Development Assessment Panel's (DAP) decision on 31 August 2020 to approve the proposal.

The petition's terms focus on the possible negative consequences of a tavern in the Iluka Plaza. Minutes from the DAP meeting make it clear that the petition was tabled appropriately, and that the DAP was made aware of the issues via several deputations. The DAP decision to approve the tavern was made in accordance with standard practice, and in full awareness of the issues raised by the petitioners, and is therefore considered valid.

Correspondence lodged by the lead petitioners after the DAP meeting requests the DAP decision be overturned. In addition to reiterating the terms of the petition, the submitters claim that the "developer's intentions (were) to always build a tavern" on site and the developer's actions were "contrived and pre-emptive" by not declaring these intentions clearly. It is further submitted that the City did not sufficiently consult the community, and that the DAP decision was not undertaken with due objectivity.

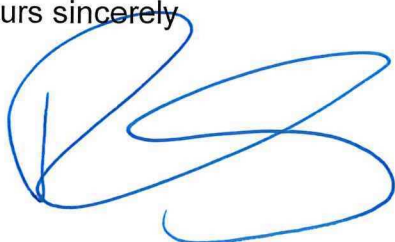
However, as the DAP decision was made in accordance with valid practice the DAP's decision remains effective.

In providing the petition to the Standing Committee, the Honourable Alison Xamon MLC has raised concerns over “the legibility and clarity of the planning system as a whole”. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is currently implementing a program of planning system reforms. Reform initiatives in the Action Plan for Planning Reform are intended to make the planning system easier to understand, and more consistent and efficient.

Further information is available on the Department's website at www.dplh.wa.gov.au/planning-reform.

Thank you for raising this with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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