



**The Hon Terry Redman MLA
Minister for Regional Development; Lands;
Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development**

Our ref: 39-34624
Your ref: Petition 116

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

Dear Mr O'Brien

Simon

PETITION NO. 116 – LEASING OF POINT MOORE, GERALDTON

Thank you for your letter dated 11 May 2016 regarding the petition, which was tabled by Hon Paul Brown MLC in the Legislative Council on 24 March 2016.

Point Moore, also known as the West End comprises of Crown Reserves 25459 and 29173. Both reserves are subject to Management Orders in favour of the City of Greater Geraldton (City) and are set aside for the purpose of 'Recreation and Leasing of Cottages' and 'Caravan Park and Tourist Accommodation', respectively. Under the terms of each Management Order, the City is afforded the power to lease (sublease or licence) over the whole or any portion of each Reserve for their designated purposes.

The City has entered into approximately 176 leases over portions of Reserve 25459 for the permitted use of recreation and leasing of cottages and holiday homes and has granted a lease for the whole of Reserve 29173 being the Belair Caravan Park and Lifestyle Village to Summerstar Pty Ltd. The residential leases are due to expire on either 31 December 2025 or 30 June 2028 and the Belair Caravan Park is due to expire on 10 March 2045.

Point Moore is located within the coastal zone and is vulnerable to adverse impacts of physical process hazards such as inundation and erosion. The City has engaged specialist coastal and port engineers MP Rogers and Associated Pty Ltd to undertake a Coastal Inundation and Processes Allowances Study (Inundation Study) for the Point Moore area to inform decision-making in relation to the ongoing habitation of the land. The report details the likelihood of inundation and the impact of coastal processes on the area over the 100 year planning timeframe.

The City, the Department of Lands (DoL) and the Department of Planning have collectively agreed that the results of the Inundation Study suggest that the level of coastal hazard risk to the affected Point Moore community is increasing in both extent and depth and there is sufficient evidence to conclude that suitable adaptation measures should be put in place including the non-renewal of the residential leases beyond the 2028 expiry date.

The City (as the Management Body and Lessor of the current leases) is responsible for the care, control and management of Reserves 24559 and 29173 and is the ultimate decision maker with respect to modifying the current lease agreements as well as permitting the renewal of the Point Moore leases beyond the current expiry dates.

I understand that the City is still in an early consultation phase and intends to submit to Council the results of the Inundation Study and the Residential Onsite Effluent and Treatment Study to make an informed decision regarding the future of the Point Moore leases.

Further, the DoL has informed the City that it is prepared to participate in further discussions and assist with the long term planning and provision of tenure advice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Redman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**HON TERRY REDMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS**

16 JUN 2016