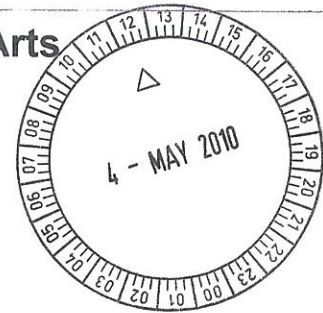




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Dear Mr Ellis

**PETITION NO 46 – LAND CLEARING IN THE ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL PARK**

I refer to your letter of 31 March 2010 seeking my advice on a number of points regarding the above petition.

Before responding to your specific points, I believe it would be helpful to provide some background to this matter.

Access to the Woodbridge Estate, which contains the Rockingham General Hospital (RGH) and Ambulance depot, has always been limited to a single dual carriageway road, Elanora Drive via traffic lights at Ennis Avenue. Commencement of preliminary works associated with the Perth – Mandurah Railway and expansion of the RGH raised community awareness of this and the community questioned whether only one road access was adequate.

In response the then Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLA) established a Ministerial Working Group to address the provision of an additional access. The Ministerial Working Group comprised representatives from State (including Planning & Infrastructure, Transport and Environment and Conservation) and Local Government and local residents.

Against this background, I offer the following comments in response to the specific points raised in your request for advice.

***Update on progress toward a second access way for the Rockingham Hospital***

At its meeting on 22 February 2010, the Ministerial Working Group endorsed Northern Option B (over the Perth – Mandurah Railway to Dixon Road) as its preferred option and resolved to submit:

