



Hon Ben Wyatt MLA
Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs

Your Ref: A628727 (Petition No. 3)
Our Ref: 69-03796

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Swinbourn

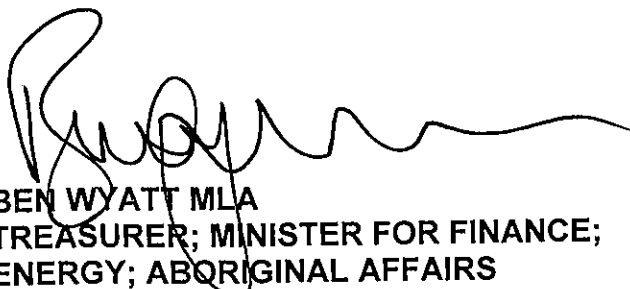
Thank you for your letter dated 22 August 2017 in relation to preliminary inquiries into Petition No 3 regarding the proposed telecommunications tower at Bell Hill Reserve.

Please be advised that on 11 April 2017 the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee resolved that ID 36742 (Bell Hill Reserve) was not a place to which the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (AHA Act) applies. Based on current information, there are no requirements to obtain an approval under the AHA Act to undertake works at this location.

However, proponents undertaking ground disturbing activities in this area are advised to undertake their own risk assessment of the proposed risks to Aboriginal heritage utilising the Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Guidelines. I recommend the proponent consults the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, as the representatives of the Yued Native Title Claimants, to seek their views on the proposed works.

If you have any further queries, please contact Ms Tanya Butler, Registrar of Aboriginal Sites, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on (08) 6551 8000.

Yours sincerely



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