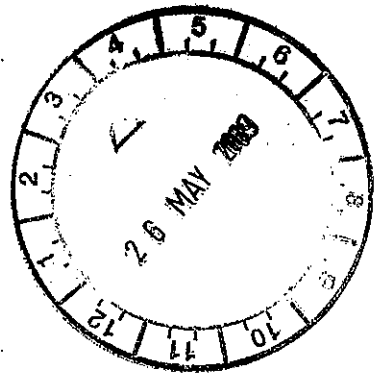


Peter Toy



Hon Shiela Mills MLC
Chair Standing Committee on
Environmental and Public Affairs
Parliament House,
PERTH. W.A.. 6000.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of May 13th. Regarding the Turner Caravan Park redevelopment by the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River.

Since the tabling of the petition by the Hon. Barry House MLC. in the Legislative Council on May 6th. The Shire has issued a Business Case Study and a Business Plan. Both can be viewed on the Shire's website. The Shire invites submissions relative to their plans.

My written submission to your committee is as follows:-

- (a) When the Augusta-Margaret River Shire first mooted an upgrade of the Turner Caravan Park, they suggested it would cost between \$5M and \$8M. In the Shire's Business Plan, the total cost is now estimated at almost \$12M. The Park upgrade will be carried out at the same time as the construction of the Shires' New Shire Chambers in Margaret River. My question is, can two major projects be carried out by the Shire at the same time in these financially depressed times.
- (b) Pages 27 and 28 of the Business Case Study depict what could be described as unnecessary overcrowding (dwellings, holiday cabins, chalets, caravans and campers.) of a very historically and significant site in Augusta. (Turner's original farm). Originally, the Shire claimed no trees would be removed during the makeover in the Park, now they claim no large trees will be removed. No plan has been put forward by the Shire to satisfactorily deal with the wetlands within the Park and the final treatment of recycled and wetlands water before entering the Blackwood River.
- © Although there have been several public meetings called by the Shire, Augusta Community Development Association and other interested people, these public meetings do not equate with "face to face" meetings BY THE Shire with near neighbors to the Park, nor all occupants of the Park. Many residents of Augusta feel the Shire and it's chief external advisor are pushing the new Park concept too quickly and that there is insufficient inquiry into an Environmental Impact Study, Legal aspects, Financial, Cultural and Historical aspects.

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- (c) The Shire intends to build 17 Park Homes, 24 Holiday Homes and numerous other buildings in competition with existing holiday homes or other accommodation under construction in Augusta. . Will this be a level playing field in competition with private enterprise.

As far as I am aware our complaint has not been taken to the ombudsman.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Toy
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