



Minister for Transport; Planning

Our Ref: 72-30129
Your Ref: Petition No. 169

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Dear Mr Swinbourn

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS –
PETITION NO. 169 – DARDANUP WASTE PRECINCT AND LANDFILL**

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2020 regarding the above matter.

I note that the petition highlights the need for the whole of Government to address the management of waste in Western Australia.

The State Government's Waste Authority, under the jurisdiction of the Minister for Environment, is responsible for supporting the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030*. I would recommend you seek advice from the Minister for Environment in relation to this Strategy.

I am confident that Planning agencies will work collaboratively with the Waste Authority to ensure that the Waste Strategy provisions are incorporated into any strategies or future planning documents.

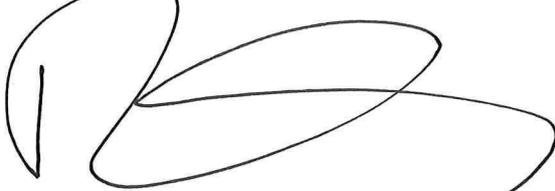
Regarding the Banksia Road waste precinct in Dardanup, I am informed that the facility has obtained the relevant planning and environmental approvals, and accommodates local, industrial and metropolitan general waste. Any changes to the current operation at the precinct would require new approvals from the local government, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), and environmental agencies, including the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

The Shire of Dardanup is also in the process of preparing a new Planning Scheme, which will incorporate special control provisions for this waste precinct. The Scheme is currently before the EPA for assessment, following which the document will be assessed by the WAPC for consent to advertise for public comment.

In the meantime, the responsibility to ensure that the site operates within the parameters of existing approvals rests with the proponent, the local government, the EPA and DWER.

Thank you for raising this with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a loop.

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI-MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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