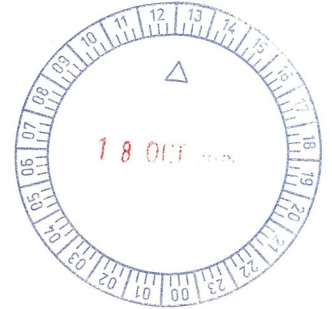




**Hon David Templeman MLA**  
**Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts**

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Our Ref: 66-06923  
Your Ref: Petition No 80



Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Mr Swinbourn

Thank you for your correspondence dated 19 September 2018 requesting my comments on Petition No 80 – Conduct of officers in the City of Wanneroo (the City).

Mr Adam has been in dispute with his neighbour (Mr Di Giacomo) since May 2013 over various matters, including planter boxes and a retaining wall located on Mr Di Giacomo's property at 4 Yarmouth Road, Jindalee, which were found to have been constructed without prior approval. Mr Adam has previously lodged complaints related to Mr Di Giacomo and the City with the Police, the Corruption and Crime Commission, the Building Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal.

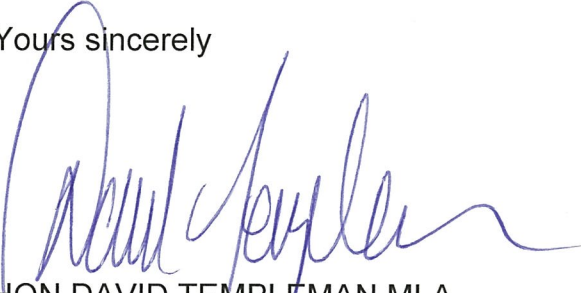
Mr Adam claims that retrospective approvals issued to Mr Di Giacomo by the City were based on false and misleading information, which he claims the City has failed to acknowledge or deal with appropriately. Over the five year period of Mr Adam's complaints, the City has repeatedly advised Mr Adam that the processes followed in regard to the retrospective approvals have complied with the requirements of the *Building Act 2011*.

As the Minister for Local Government, I may only intervene in situations where there is a contravention of the *Local Government Act 1995* or its associated regulations. My powers do not extend to matters related to building or planning legislation or the processes of the State Administrative Tribunal, Building Commission or any other government agencies.

A formal complaint associated with City councillor behaviour, in regard to his continuing issues, has been lodged with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (the Department) by Mr Adam. Mr Adam was advised, by letter dated 31 August 2018, that the investigation of his complaint was still in progress and that is still the case. Although the Department will endeavour to finalise the investigation as soon as possible, it is unable to provide a definitive date for completion.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter and trust the information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN MLA  
**MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT;  
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15 OCT 2018