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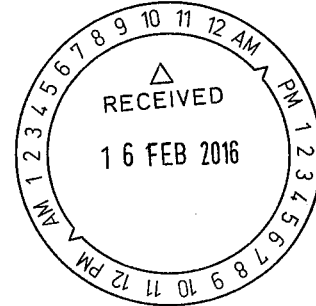
Chair

Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Parliament House

Harvest Terrace

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Dear Simon,

Petition No. 101 – Sunday Community Markets Canning Vale

My apologies for the late response to your invitation to provide a written submission regarding the issues raised in the petition. I fully support the detail of the petition.

Market City, owned by the State Government, provides an important community service as home to the Sunday Community Market which is Perth's largest undercover and most diversified markets regularly attracting thousands of people each week.

Established in July 1990, it has continued to grow into a Sunday institution for many. People will know that it will be open every Sunday – even in inclement weather – with free parking for over 1000 cars, hundreds of stalls selling a vast variety of new and second-hand goods, and providing a selection of food stalls, it is an affordable activity for many families.

Many community markets who use shopping centre car parks are under pressure with extended Sunday trading and must be packed up and out before Sunday trading starts at 11am. The Sunday Community Markets is not under the same pressure allowing it to stay open longer – until 1pm. This later finishing time allows people with early morning commitments, or indeed those who work late on a Saturday night and others, the opportunity to still enjoy this market where many others are closed to them.

I note, legislation has passed the Parliament allowing for the sale of Market City. I hope the Government as a condition of sale seeks a commitment from the new operator to continue to facilitate and maintain the Sunday Community Market.

I would hope the committee seeks that reassurance from the Government.

Yours sincerely

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