

Hon Pierre Yang MLC

LABOR MEMBER FOR SOUTH METROPOLITAN REGION

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

Dear Mr Swinbourn,

Petition No 25 - Compensation for small businesses around Mends Street

I write to provide a submission regarding the above petition which I presented in the Legislative Council on 14 September 2017.

My knowledge of this matter comes from information provided by the representatives of the petitioners. Therefore, instead of attempting to assert a particular set of events as having occurred or necessarily endorse particular points of view, I write this submission with the intention of ensuring that the Committee is aware of concerns that have been raised with me by constituents in the South Metropolitan Region.

I have been advised that in the opinion of representatives of the petitioners, the approval to allow large scale development to occur around the Mends Street shopping precinct by the City of South Perth has drastically impaired the foot traffic for those local businesses already established in the precinct. I am further advised that this has resulted in financial difficulty for those businesses and they have received no support or help from the City of South Perth during this difficult time.

It is important that the concerns that the plight of these local businesses is investigated and if proven to be correct, actions should be taken to assist them and provide relief in any capacity.

Your timely attention to these concerns will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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