



Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands

Our Ref: 72-06652-1
Your Ref: Petition No. 25

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO. 25 - COMPENSATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS AROUND MENDS STREET - CITY OF SOUTH PERTH

Thank you for your letter of 2 November 2017 regarding the above matter.

I understand the petitioners' concerns relate to a loss in retail trade due to various developments and infrastructure upgrades simultaneously under construction in proximity to the Mends Street precinct.

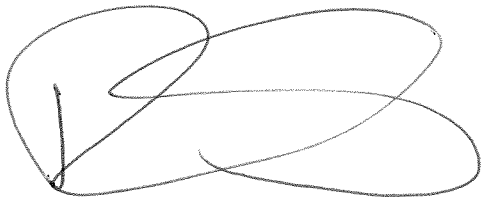
Development approvals granted under a local planning scheme generally require development to be substantially commenced within two years of approval. While the concerns of the petitioners are appreciated, the timing of development is influenced by a myriad of factors which fall outside the scope of the planning system. Construction management plans are commonly required as a condition of development approval in order to minimise disruption caused during the construction phase of a development. The imposition of such conditions is at the discretion of the relevant local government, or development assessment panel, as independent decision making bodies.

The short term impacts of the current developments may be difficult for local businesses; however, the increased population in proximity to the Mends Street precinct will be of particular benefit to retail trade once construction is complete. These developments also align with strategic planning objectives established in the draft *Perth and Peel@3.5million* suite of documents and METRONET, which encourage infill development in appropriate locations to assist in achieving a more consolidated urban form and maximise use of existing and proposed infrastructure.

The City of South Perth is aware of the traders' concerns, and I believe that the City has undertaken a number of actions to address these. I am confident that these details will be outlined in its response to the petition.

I appreciate you raising this matter with me and trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

29 NOV 2017