

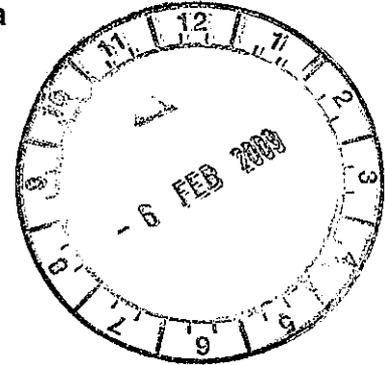
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Government of Western Australia

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Hon Sheila Mills MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council of Western Australia
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Ms Mills

PETITION NO. 12 – REZONING OF A CLASS RESERVE IN CLAREMONT

Thank you for your letter dated 3 December 2008 regarding the above petition. I apologise for the delay in responding.

To enable use of the subject A Class Reserve at the corner of Davies Road-Shenton Road-Shenton Place for private residential development, three actions would be necessary.

First, action would need to be taken under the *Land Administration Act* to excise the land from the reserve, which includes the tabling of the proposal in both Houses of Parliament with an opportunity for a disallowance motion.

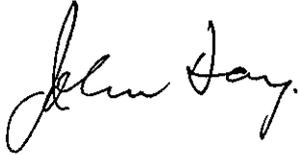
Second, the Western Australian Planning Commission's Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) would need to be amended to change the Parks and Recreation reservation affecting the subject A Class Reserve. The process for this provides the opportunity for community comment and may, if considered to be a major amendment to the MRS, involve the tabling of the proposal in both Houses of Parliament with an opportunity for a disallowance motion. (This does not apply for minor amendments.)

Finally, the Town of Claremont's local planning scheme relating to the relevant portion of the subject A Class Reserve would need to be amended to include an appropriate zoning to provide for residential development. This would also require public consultation and my final approval, as Minister for Planning.

While the Claremont Tennis Club was previously considered for inclusion in the Town's *Claremont North East Precinct* Project, this land was not in the end included. The Town owns the Claremont Golf course land in freehold, but this is also not included in the Project. However I understand that the Town has been reviewing the future of the golf course.

It is my understanding that the Town of Claremont has endorsed its *Claremont North East Precinct Structure Plan* and the Western Australian Planning Commission has initiated a corresponding amendment to the MRS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Day". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

**JOHN DAY
MINISTER FOR PLANNING;
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

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