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Dear Matthew

Re: Petition No.170 – Proposed Realignment of South West freight rail line

Thank you for your letter dated 15 October 2020 regarding *Petition No. 170 – Proposed Realignment of the South West Freight Rail Line* which I tabled in the Legislative Council on 14 October 2020.

You may be aware that the South-West freight rail line runs through the Mundijong Town Centre. Governments, both State and Local, have identified the need to realign the freight rail line alongside the Tonkin Highway Extension to the West Mundijong Industrial Area. The petition, which contains 470 signatures, reflects the petitioners' strong opposition to new options recently identified for the freight rail line realignment south of Mundijong Road.

As you will note from the contents of the petition, there are significant concerns that the new proposal "*drastically alters the freight line realignment from previous published designs.*" In particular, the petitioners are concerned that the proposed route from Mundijong Road to Wright Road will, if given effect, impact newly built homes, property values and future saleability of those properties.

I am advised that up until 2019, one proposed realignment was identified. This was superseded by two new options released earlier this year. I understand that those options were released without consultation with affected landowners. As you will appreciate, the petitioners have in turn expressed their strong concerns regarding this lack of consultation,

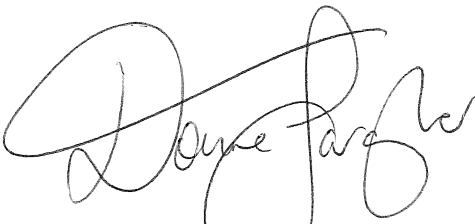
particularly given properties were purchased on the basis of planning documents current at the time.

The petitioners are therefore requesting that options be investigated that will see the realignment project amended to reflect the previously published realignment. Such an investigation would be expected to involve the Department of Transport, Main Roads WA, Arc Infrastructure and the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

The Committee's assistance therefore in obtaining further clarification from the State Government as to its current position on this matter, taking into account the petitioners' concerns, would be appreciated.

Thank you again for providing me the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee in relation to this important matter. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Faragher', written in a cursive style.

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