



## Minister for Transport; Planning

Our Ref: 72-22308  
Your Ref: Petition No. 129

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

### **STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – PETITION NO. 129 – ARALUEN RESIDENTIAL ESTATE**

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2019 requesting comment on the above petition for consideration by the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.

The Araluen Residential Estate is an established subdivision and the Estate was approved prior to the current bushfire policy framework. Management of the emergency evacuation arrangements, including locking systems for gates, is at the discretion of the local government; in this case, the City of Armadale.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage advised they undertook a review of historical files which revealed a single entry road system linking into Croyden Road via Bevan Road (now known as Heritage Drive) was proposed as part of the original Amendment No.79 to the City of Armadale Town Planning Scheme No.2 which created the zoning for the Araluen Golf Estate.

Residents of Araluen Residential Estate have requested that Wymond Road and Armenti Road be opened to provide secondary emergency access to the Araluen Residential Estate. Both roads are classified as local roads under the care, control and management of the City of Armadale.

Although the current *State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* does not apply retrospectively, I believe there is merit in encouraging the City of Armadale to explore options for secondary access to the Estate.

The Department will be in contact with the City of Armadale to discuss this matter and the community's concerns.

I trust this information is helpful in the Committee's deliberation.

Yours sincerely



**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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