



Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands

Our Ref: 72-13590
Your Ref: Petition No 65

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House, 4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO 65 - PROPOSED LANDFILL IN BULLSBROOK

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2018 regarding the above matter.

The proposed landfill operation is the subject of two separate development applications for landfill and remediation works on Lot 12 Chittering Road and Lot 1 Jenkins Road, Bullsbrook. Both applications have been refused by the City of Swan and are now the subject of appeals to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT). I am advised that the application related to Lot 12 Chittering Road has now been programmed for a final hearing.

The current planning legislation does not provide any mechanism whereby either I, as the Minister for Planning, or the State Government through the Western Australian Planning Commission or the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) could intervene in either the current appeal process, or the original development application consideration and associated advertising process.

The above notwithstanding, I do note the concerns raised by the petitioners in relation to this proposal and the associated advertising processes.

In November 2017 I commissioned an independent review of the planning system to identify ways to make it more efficient, open and understandable to all. A Planning Reform Green Paper was released for public comment in May 2018 and included recommendations based on four key principles of fairness, transparency, integrity and efficiency, and included specific recommendations to improve community involvement in decision-making and the legitimacy of planning frameworks.

Submissions on the Green Paper, including the submission by Ms Jessica Shaw MLA appended to the petition, are currently being reviewed by the DPLH. I will review the outcomes of this consultation process and decide how best to proceed with the reform agenda.

Thank you for raising this with me.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

28 SEP 2018