



Minister for Transport; Planning

Our Ref: 72-20152
Your Ref: Petition No. 117

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – PETITION NO. 117

Thank you for your letter of 27 June 2019 regarding Petition No. 117 for the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.

The planning for school sites is an important consideration in the design and establishment of new communities. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage ensures provision for school sites and establishes guidelines for their design and location within subdivisions. This is guided by the Western Australian Planning Commission's *Liveable Neighbourhoods and Development Control Policy 2.4 – School sites*.

The petition raises important concerns relating to parking and traffic circulation surrounding school sites, particularly during peak periods. I have discussed school planning issues with the Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education, and have requested the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage work with the Department of Education on matters relating to the planning and provision of school sites. This includes a review and revision of *Development Control Policy 2.4*. Traffic and parking concerns will be considered as part of this process. This review will include engagement with key stakeholders and a public consultation process following the preparation of a revised draft policy.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely



**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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