



Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Standing Committee on
Environment & Public Affairs
Parliament House,
Perth, WA, 6000

13 October 2011

Dear Hon Brian Ellis MLC,

Your Ref: Petition NO 133

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward my submission regarding the issues I raised in the petition.

I am concerned about the plans by the Shire of Kalamunda to purchase and on-sell to developers the Untitled Reserve 33221, Swan Road, High Wycombe.

This reserve backs onto my property, and is a safe haven for wildlife such as cockatoos, kookaburras, and other bird life. I take much enjoyment from the birds, which quite often drink from my birdbath. The reserve is a peaceful area, which offers security for wildlife in a busy suburb, and a cooling effect to surrounding homes during the long summer months.

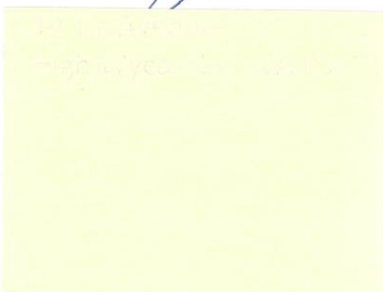
The Shire of Kalamunda initially advised us that they would not go ahead with the proposal if there were local opposition to it. With over 120 signatures on our petition it would appear that the local community wants to keep its little safe haven, yet the Shire continues to press forward, only deferring their decision to the 18th October 2011.

We are concerned about how the sale of the reserve and subsequent development of more housing could impact the native wildlife, as well as the amenity of our close community.

I do not believe the relatively small amount of money the Shire would receive through the sale of the Reserve would be beneficial enough to warrant it.

Regards,

Mark Gilks



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