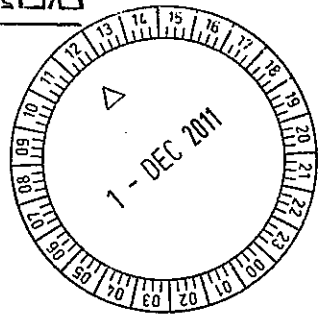


Submission



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

25th November 2011

Dear Mr Ellis

Petition No 140 – Plans for Overhead Power Lines Beachlands Geraldton

The reason why I presented this petition is from both my own objections and the shared view of all in the community who are against the option of an overhead power line down to the port.

Geraldton is experiencing strong growth and the need for power infrastructure to meet demand is necessary. I believe the community deserves to be heard with regards to their opposition to unsightly and stressful placement of overhead power lines that will blight the landscape and cut the city in half with an industrial look that does not match the great work that has been done to beautify our city.

While I realize the cost of putting the power lines underground is higher, I believe that the unobtrusive way of delivering the necessary infrastructure fits in with both the needs and wishes of the community. The planned placement of unsightly overhead power lines past part of our major education precinct (Durack Institute of Technology and Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health) and adjacent to the houses of Beachlands is unacceptable from both a visual aspect and the stress to residents in the area. I am concerned about negative impacts on resident's property values and possible health implications from the lines. Both of these concerns can be averted by placing the line underground where it should be.

I have not registered a complaint with the Ombudsman but I urge the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs to take my view and the views of the community into your consideration and come to a finding that rejects the placement of any overhead high voltage transmission line. A favourable outcome would be the community preferred safe and far less stressful placement of the line underground in the transport corridor.

Yours respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Copley".

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