

25th September 2012.

Mr Mark Warner
Committee Clerk
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.
Parliament House,
Perth
Western Australia



Dear Mr Warner

Re Cockburn Police Station Petition

On behalf of Concerned Citizens for Good Governance (Inc), I wish to express our appreciation to the Legislative Council in accepting the Petition for the retention of the Cockburn Police Station, Rockingham Road, Spearwood, 6163, Western Australia.

The petition, recently presented to the Legislative Council is made up of 1091 signatures of people who are owners, proprietors and, employees working in businesses within the City of Cockburn, in the areas of Coogee, Spearwood, Bibra Lake and Henderson.

The Cockburn Police Station; sub-district, was established in late 1962 with a Sergeant in Charge, and a Constable. The Sergeant resided with his family in a residence alongside the police station. The sub-district at the time was mainly semi-rural with market gardens in named areas of Spearwood, Munster, Jandakot and a small residential area known as Coogee.

Prior to the establishment of Cockburn Sub-district; Police Station, this area as far south as Rockingham, and extended east as far as Wharton Road, was serviced by officers from Fremantle Police Station on horseback and later, by a motor cycle which had seen its serviceable life in Road Traffic Patrol. With the establishment of Cockburn Police Station, the B S A motor cycle went to it.

A lot of the population; market gardeners, were Europeans of Slavic and Italian descent along with descendants of early English settlers all who were industrious and fine upstanding, law abiding citizens.

With the gradual increase of the local population in the late 60s an additional constable was added to the strength of the police station.

Over the years with land sub-division for residential purposes and a large build up of light industrial areas of Bibra Lake Spearwood and Jandakot and in the late 60s a small light aircraft aerodrome was established in Jandakot., naturally the population has increased and is currently at estimated to be 90000 residents/ratepayers.

Currently in an area of approximately 1.5sq km, west of Rockingham Road, through to Cockburn Road to there is being developed over 250 residential blocks. This area is west of the current established Cockburn Police Station. By closing the Cockburn Police Station it will be placing a greater work load on a new police station that is intended to be established at Cockburn Central an area that is URGENTLY in need of a police station.

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The current strength of the Cockburn Police Station are believe to be 22 police officers, 1 cadet and 1 Customer Service person. The Cockburn Police Station is not open 24 hrs per day. It is open to the general public from Monday to Friday, 0900hrs to 1600hrs. Although police officers are on duty after hours they are not available to the general public should they call at the station. They are there to attend to tasks within the sub-district when called upon.

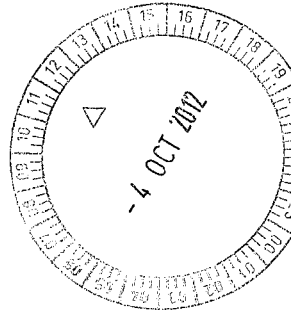
I have delayed the letter as I have been waiting on information about the residential build up within the City of Cockburn, but it has not arrived in time.

Your sincerely
Ray Woodcock
President,
Concerned Citizens for
Good Governance.

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26th September, 2012.

Mr Mark Warner.
Committee Clerk
Legislative Council.



Dear Mr Warner.

Addendum Growth City of Cockburn Residents - Petition.

A few moment ago I received the following figures concerning the growth of City of Cockburn since 1951 to 2011 and, the projected growth to 2031

	Year	Residents.
•	1951	4,400
•	1963	8,200
•	1968	12,000
•	1980	22,000
•	2006	74,000
•	2011	91,000 (Possibly 95,000)

The following figures are the projected population growth.

•	2016	100,000
•	2021	116,000 and
•	2031	128,000

I am not too sure if I have to provide the source of the information but it is reliable.

Yours sincerely
Ray Woodcock
President
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