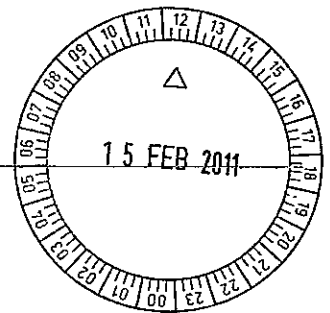


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## MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER

Our Ref: 37-10619

Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Chairman  
Environment and Public Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

I refer to your letter of 1 December 2010 addressed to my predecessor, Hon Dr Graham Jacobs MLA, regarding Petition No. 77 – Infill Sewerage Program in Quinns Rocks.

The media announcement issued on 10 November 2010 states that all remaining unsewered areas of Quinns Rocks would be provided with infill services over the next two years. The Water Corporation informs me that tenders for the largest project (Quinns 4E) were sent to market on 8 February 2011, and designs on the two smaller projects are being completed in order to let tenders in May 2011.

The Water Corporation has completed estimates of the projects that supersede the estimates available at the time of the Standing Committee in November 2009. With respect to the cost estimates, the Standing Committee has been advised that the projects would cost some \$8.7 million. These costs were based upon estimates derived from a highly-priced contracting environment that was experienced in the 2006 to 2009 years. Recent estimates put the cost significantly lower at some \$10,000 per lot connected for the Quinns projects, which is the figure used in the media statement. Naturally, final total costs will depend upon prices received following a competitive tender process.

With respect to the number of lots, Quinns 4E has 232 lots, Quinns 8A has 196 lots and Quinns 9A has 74 lots, totalling 502 lots. There are no other areas within the Quinns catchments requiring infill, and the completion of these projects will finalise the infill program in Quinns Rocks.

The Quinns 4E catchment has been reported as containing 352 lots for many years in error, including to the Standing Committee. The error arose when the catchment boundaries were changed in 2005. Areas then known as Quinns 10A and Quinns 11A were distributed between Quinns 4D and 4E to remove the need for two pump stations. The design work was not completed at that time because the Quinns projects were then deferred in the Infill program. The error was discovered and corrected for the media announcement in November 2010.

The additional lots referred to are those that are expected to be added to the area through development and subdivision following the completion of the Infill Sewerage Projects. The Water Corporation figures show a 17% increase in densification within the first five years of an Infill Sewerage Project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Marmion". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**HON BILL MARMION MLA  
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER**

15 FEB 2011

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