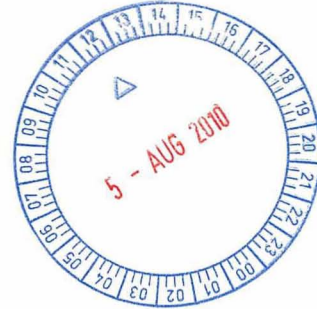


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**Minister for Planning; Culture & the Arts
Government of Western Australia**

Our Ref: 33-08383



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

Dear Mr Ellis

**PETITION NO. 69 UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND
(DONAVAN STREET, BUSHLAND AUGUSTA)**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 June 2010 requesting my comments on the above petition to protect land in Augusta known as Donovan Street bushland.

The Shire of Augusta-Margaret River Local Planning Scheme is yet to be finalised and gazetted. However, the Shire and the Western Australian Planning Commission have recommended to me that the Donovan Street bushland be reserved as 'Parks and Recreation'. While the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River may make representation to me on minor issues pertaining to the Scheme before it is finalised these matters do not relate to the Donovan Street bushland.

I am pleased to inform the Committee that the Donovan Street bushland will, on gazettal of the Scheme, be reserved as 'Parks and Recreation'.

The appropriate authority to finalise land tenure and management issues is the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Yours sincerely

**JOHN DAY
MINISTER FOR PLANNING;
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

04 AUG 2010