



**The Hon Tony Simpson MLA
Minister for Local Government; Community Services;
Seniors and Volunteering; Youth**

Our Ref: 49-03463



Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

PETITION N^o 25 - OPPOSING USE OF PESTICIDES ON PUBLIC LAND AND OPEN SPACES

Thank you for your letter dated 26 February 2014 regarding Petition No 25 opposing the use of pesticides on public land and open spaces.

Individual local governments are solely responsible for the maintenance of public land and open space that is either owned or managed by them within their districts.

Neither I, as Minister, nor my Department of Local Government and Communities, have the legislative authority to direct local governments in these matters; therefore, I am not in a position to comment on the petition.

The Western Australian Local Government Association may wish to provide comment on behalf of its member local governments.

Yours sincerely

**HON TONY SIMPSON MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; COMMUNITY SERVICES;
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