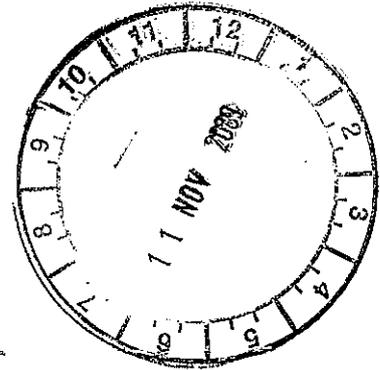


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Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
Perth WA 6000



5 November 2009

Dear Mr Ellis

## **Petition 46 – Land Clearing in the Rockingham National Park**

I write in response to your letter, 15 October 2009 to provide a submission in support of my petition and assist the committee in its preliminary investigation into the important issue impacting on the residents of Cooloongup (Woodbridge).

### **Background**

The proposal is for the construction of a new access road into the Woodbridge area to provide reduce congestion to the area and to provide a second access route for the Rockingham General Hospital. This concept is supported widely, but concern has been voiced about the preferred route of the access road.

The Woodbridge area is bordered on the West by Ennis Avenue, to the south by the Rockingham Golf Course and to the east by the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park.

The area includes the Rockingham General Hospital. The hospital only has major one access route in, being Eleanora Drive.

While residents at Woodbridge agree that a second access route is necessary and desirable, many residents believe that the preferred option selected by the Rockingham City Council as the second access route would have a negative impact on the community.

### **Issues**

The key issues of concern are as follows.

## 1. Bushland removal

The proposed route will involve the removal of a significant amount of the bushland in the Rockingham Regional Park. We believe that it would be more appropriate to utilise one of the existing tracks within the bushland itself rather than creating a new thoroughfare in the area.

## 2. Proximity to Local Housing

The proposed route runs dangerously close to the rear boundaries of houses on Timberlane Loop. The alignment is unreasonably close and may have a detrimental effect on their homes with vibrations and noise pollution from frequent vehicle movements along this route. I will almost certainly have a significant impact on the amenity of the residents and the value of their properties.

## 3. Prominence of Rail Bridge Crossing

The proposed route involves the construction of a bridge over the railway line at the point of intersection. This bridge will overshadow the communities at Woodbridge and Hillman and will be an eyesore for the area. The size of the infrastructure is completely inappropriate for the area and should not be allowed to go ahead.

## Outcomes

The petitioners would like to see an alternate route contemplated for the access road. This could include moving it away from residential properties and running south of the rail line with no bridge at all or utilising one of the other routes set out by the consultant planner.

The committee's consideration of these issues would be greatly appreciated as people in our area are fearful for the impact the access road will have.

Yours sincerely

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