

**From:** [Cr. Patricia Cook](#)  
**To:** [Sue & don](#)  
**Cc:** [Environment and Public Affairs Committee](#);

**Subject:** Re: Helena Valley Petition No.004  
**Date:** Wednesday, 5 July 2017 9:04:41 PM

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Thank you Sue & Don for your persistence,

I do hope that commonsense will prevail and that the Lake on private property in Helena Valley can be saved by the New McGowan government.

I too hate the mass clearing of trees simply for ease of development. I sincerely hope that the new ministers will be able to restore respect for the environment in the planning and development approval processes. Ironically, the aged housing development further along Helena Valley Road (HV Lifestyle Village) is a great example of how saving the trees and working around them has resulted in a beautiful development.

Kind regards,  
Trish

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Please note that these are my own views. The official spokesperson for the Shire of Mundaring is The President David Lavell.

On 5 Jul 2017, at 8:29 pm, Sue & don

wrote:

Chairman

Hon Matthew Swinbourne MLC,

Dear Mr Swinbourne,

I would like to raise awareness to the recent devastation in Helena Valley of 125 trees destroyed, please see photos attached.

A very large nest that has been there for generations, was dislodged, not destroyed due to the strength and elaborate work by its builder, it had provided protection for the young birds of its species.

If WAPC keeps issuing subdivision blocks of an eighth of an acre or less, why can't they have wider road verges so that a few trees are possible? it is criminal to build treeless subdivisions. Putting in a row of ornamental plum trees or a bunch of small deciduous prunuses along the frontages is a joke!! Shade trees reduce summer temperatures by heaps, it also helps our environment. To say nothing of the creatures living in those trees!

WAPC Liveable Neighbourhood Manual states: The Environment - to protect and enhance key natural and cultural assets of the State and deliver to all West Australians a high quality of life which is based on a sound environmentally sustainable principles.

Town Planning and Development Act 1928 the State Planning Framework Policy sets out key principles relating to environment and infrastructure. SPP2 + SPP2:8

Please note also the amount of bricks scattered around and the picture of the hole in the ground with solid brick walls at least 4ft deep this is contamination from the old brick works built there in the 1940-50's ( a tree once stood here).

Surely it is not possible to build houses on a geological structure that is unstable plus contaminated, it would impact on the potential housing development.

The total picture is it will only get worse, if we cannot implement and enforce Environmental Protection Act 1986 and Environmental Protection Authority to this Wildlife Lake and Wetlands which has substantial ecological attributes, habitats, flora, fauna, peace and tranquillity for our neighbourhood community.

Threatened Flora species are protected under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 can this be enforced to protect this sanctuary ?

All efforts should be taken to retain the wetlands hydrological functions and to help with the pollution that lies beyond.

Would it be possible for you to approach the WAPC and the Developer and come to some arrangement to rescind the SP 71 plan and make alterations to retain the Wildlife Lake and Wetlands as stated in the State of Western Australian Government policies above, as there has been a great injustice.

Yours Sincerely

Susan McCann  
Save the Lake and Wetlands Convenor  
Helena Valley.

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