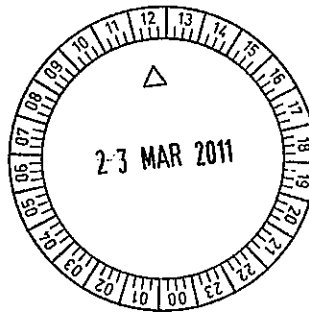


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Dear Hon Brian Ellis MLC

Petition No 84 – closure of the Muresk Campus near Northam

Thank you for your letter of 21 February 2011 providing us with the opportunity to respond to concerns raised by Dr Ian Fairnie about Curtin University's application for trademark rights to the Muresk name.

The University applied to trademark the Muresk name to expedite the legal aspects of the transfer and remove uncertainty concerning the future use of the names and logos associated with the site at Northam. It was our intention to enact a transfer of the trademarked names following the announcement of the new governance model for Muresk.

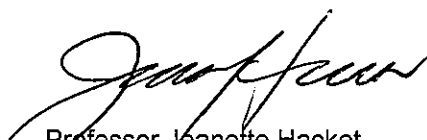
Recently, however, we have had discussions with representatives of the Department of Training and Workforce Development and the Wheatbelt Development Commission, regarding the formation of a Muresk Transition Working Group to manage the change process at the campus. The Department of Education Services has also been invited to participate in this working group.

We envisage this group will develop and manage processes around the use of the Muresk name, so Curtin University withdrew the trade mark application on 14 February 2011.

We also recognise that the trademark application angered and upset some members of the community, and hope that our decision to withdraw it will be seen as a sign of goodwill and of Curtin's commitment to a positive future for the Northam campus.

I hope this clarifies our position and alleviates Dr Fairnie's concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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