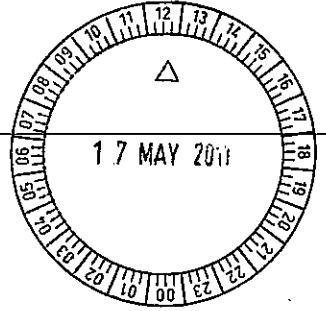


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Hon Brian Ellis MLC
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Dear Mr Ellis *Brian*

Thank you for your letter concerning *Petition No 84-Closure of the Muresk campus near Northam*.

I appreciate the high level of community interest that has led to the presentation of the petition. The future of Muresk is being considered carefully by the Premier, the Minister for Training and Workforce Development and myself. The range of issues impinging on the future of the Muresk campus are complex and need to be fully considered to ensure that the Government's decision will lead to a sustainable future for Muresk. The Government's decision will be announced when all the relevant issues have been resolved.

On the question of the trademark application for the Muresk brand by Curtin University of Technology, Curtin has advised that that it has withdrawn its application.

Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Dr Elizabeth Constable MLA
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

12 MAY 2011