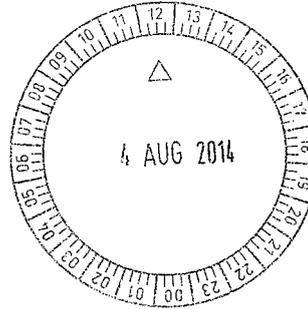


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1 August 2014

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Dear Sir

Petition No 20 – Proposed Sand Mines at Wellard

Thank you for your letter of 11 April which has today been passed to me for a response. Please accept my apologies that a response has not been provided earlier.

The Shire received a development application and extractive industry licence application on 15 July 2013. The application was processed in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions and officers were in the process of preparing a report for consideration by Council when the applicant sought a review by the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) for non-determination within the statutory time frame.

During the assessment of the application consideration was given to issues including but not limited to:

- Impact on adjoining landowners;
- Re-vegetation and rehabilitation;
- Groundwater and surface water management;
- Traffic management;
- Dust management;
- Noise management and
- Visual amenity.

As a result of the referral process submissions were received from local residents raising concerns relating to the above issues. In addition, comments were received from technical officers and statutory agencies also highlighting issues which needed to be addressed. The applicant had submitted a comprehensive set of management plans and technical information in support of their application. Areas which were considered to require

clarification or additional information were addressed through the submission of additional documents.

Given that the applicant had sought a review through the SAT, the application was presented to Council for re-consideration at its meeting on 24 March 2014 under s31 of the State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004. Council resolved to approve the application subject to conditions, some of which were modified from the officer recommendation.

Whilst the application has been approved, there are still a number of conditions which the applicant is seeking to have reviewed through the SAT process.

The subject site is zoned Rural under the Shire's Town Planning Scheme No.2 and there is currently no proposal to change the zoning of the land and allow for more intensive development.

The Shire has commenced a review of its Rural Strategy and as part of this process the landholdings to the north of Boomerang Road have been identified as 'subject to future investigation'. The Rural Strategy review was adopted by Council at its meeting of 15 July 2014 and will be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission for consideration. However, it is not anticipated that this will be progressed until the Sub Regional Structure Plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment have been completed.

I trust the above is of assistance but please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

Louise Hughes
Manager Statutory Planning