



Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming

Your Ref: Petition 102
Our Ref: 54-03556

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you for your letter regarding Petition No 102, which was tabled by Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC in the Legislative Council on 24 November 2015.

The petition calls upon the State to work with the aged care sector to determine if it would be commercially viable to redevelop part of the former Swan Districts Hospital site for use as a residential aged care facility. The site is currently held by the Department of Lands.

The Liberal-National State Government is developing a whole of government Seniors' Housing Strategy under the *Affordable Housing Strategy Aiming Higher Action Plan 2015 – 2020*. As residential aged care is a Commonwealth responsibility it is not specifically addressed in the Seniors' Housing Strategy. However, it will consider the co-location of seniors' independent living units with services and amenities, including residential aged care facilities.

The Housing Authority would be pleased to be part of any discussions about the redevelopment of the Swan Districts Hospital site for residential aged care and seniors' housing more generally.

Yours sincerely



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MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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