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Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chair, Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council of Western Australia
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

PETITION NO. 131 - CEMENT AND LIME MANUFACTURING, NOWERGUP

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2012 regarding the above mentioned Petition.

State Planning Policy 2.4: Basic Raw Materials (SPP 2.4) was initiated in the late 90s to identify and protect remaining Basic Raw Material (BRM) sites for future use in the development of the Perth metropolitan region, and to identify associated environmental issues. As Perth has grown, the sources of finite supplies of sand, limestone, gravel, clay and rock were being sterilised by urban encroachment and a process was therefore initiated to identify key extraction areas and priority resources sites before they were constrained by inappropriate development.

The SPP 2.4 supporting mapping was compiled using Local Government approved Extractive Industry Licences, areas with applications for BRM mining tenements, sites identified by State Geological Survey and information from members of the WA Chamber of Commerce. The maps were then reviewed by the Western Australian Planning Commission. After a formal public consultation process SPP 2.4 was gazetted, along with its supporting mapping, in 2002. The Metropolitan Region Scheme and local government Town Planning Schemes reflected the appropriate zonings to allow BRM extraction as per the SPP 2.4, including Lot 1 Wanneroo Road and Lot 52 Nowergup Road, Nowergup, which were identified in the SPP 2.4 as part of the Wanneroo area Limestone Priority Resource Location.

The Environmental and Conservation Reference Charts (ECRC) were compiled concurrently with the 2002 mapping. These included Bush Forever areas and current advice from the then Department of Conservation and Land Management and Department of Environment, Water and Catchment Protection on environmental issues to be considered in any advice concerning the development of BRM sites.

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The maps and ECRC have not been formally updated. However, the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) has remapped geology of the SW coastal plain and the results support the original SPP 2.4 mapping and confirm the importance of protecting the remaining BRM, especially limestone resources for development of the Perth metropolitan northern corridor. New GIS based environmental information and revised agency referrals have replaced the role of the ECRC in the approvals process, and there is no plan to update these.

SPP 2.4 is currently under revision, and the new DMP mapping will be used as the basis for the revised SPP 2.4 mapping. This new mapping confirms the subject lots as containing limestone resources.

The current State Strategic Assessment process will also provide a methodology to review future metropolitan BRM needs, and balance them with environmental issues.

BRM, and particularly Wanneroo limestone, is critical to the development of the northern corridor area, and the production of original SPP 2.4 shows significant foresight to provide protection of finite BRM supplies for future use and the need to balance BRM and environmental issues.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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