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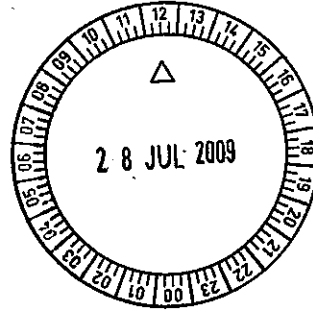
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Hon Brian Ellis  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Chairman

## Submission Regarding Petition No 31

As the local member, I have been approached by a significant number of individuals, businesses and community organisations regarding the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing on Scarborough Beach Road somewhere between Westview and Flamborough Streets in Scarborough/Doubleview.

In keeping with expectations, I have briefly mentioned some of the many issues that constituents have raised with me in order to support a controlled crossing. My office would be happy to clarify any of the information provided.

### Traffic caused by increased housing density

Scarborough and Doubleview has seen a significant increase in residential density over the last ten years and this is likely to continue in the years to come. With traffic already a significant issue in the area it is important that residents are encouraged to walk to local facilities in the area. By failing to have a safe crossing, residents are encouraged to drive even short distances, entering and exiting Scarborough Beach Road which creates significantly more traffic that frustrates drivers and results in all the negative effects that traffic congestion causes.

### Community Centre

Gildercliffe Street is home to the Scarborough Community Centre. A well used hub of the community that hosts the Scarborough Autumn Club, a Public Library, a Child Health Centre, the local PCYC, a community hall, a playgroup, afterschool care and much more. Given the number of local residents who use these facilities and the demographics of the users it is important to provide a safe crossing of Scarborough Beach Road. At present, seniors who use scooters and young parents who still have children in strollers are forced to cross Scarborough Beach Road without even being provided a safe pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road. As a result, these important members of our community are forced to cross four lanes of busy traffic at one time. As the City of Stirling operates this facility, it is clear that they have a duty of care to its users to provide safe crossing facilities on Scarborough Beach Road.

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### **Crash Statistics**

An obvious mechanism to provide a controlled crossing would be the use of traffic lights at the intersection of either Gildercliffe Street, Scarborough or Grand Promenade, Doubleview. In the period between January 2004 and the end of December 2008 (5 years), local residents were subject to 35 reported crashes at the intersection of Gildercliffe Street; 33 at the intersection of Grand Promenade; 21 at Herbert Street; and 19 at Flamborough Street. Given this is a relatively short stretch of road these statistics are troubling, especially as there has been no attempt to improve any of these intersections. Based on these statistics these roads would be eligible for "black spot" funding assistance. Unfortunately, personal observation indicates that the level of accidents at these intersections is increasing significantly.

### **Supporting Local Business**

The stretch of road in question is home to commercial activity on both sides, with local businesses attempting to operate a small 'street front' shopping area. This is made difficult by local residents unwillingness to risk their safety by crossing Scarborough Beach Road. It is important that the local shopping area be allowed to thrive and build the sense of local community by improving the safety of pedestrians.

In conclusion, this petition has garnered significant support from the local community and it is important that the concerns raised are recognised and acted upon by the relevant authorities.

If Committee members would like any further information please feel free to contact my office. Alternatively, I am happy to host members at the site in question.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liza Harvey".

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