



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

Dear Chairman *Simon,*

Petition No 73 – Regional Transport Services

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding our petition.

As you would be aware, the retention of the Tier Three Rail Lines and the associated infrastructure is vitally important to my constituents in the Agricultural Region.

Communities are most concerned that there is a potential for road crossings, signals and track switching gear to be removed, making the re-opening of this railway system more improbable.

Given the findings of the Economic and Industry Standing Committee's inquiry into the grain freight network, I think it would be most appropriate for the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs to further investigate this issue and to make appropriate recommendations in support of the petition.

We would also urge the Committee to investigate whether changes made to the original 1999 lease have been done in an appropriate manner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren West', written in a cursive style.

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