



Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food;
Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Jobs and Trade

Our ref: 64-03695
Your ref: Petition 14

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Committee Office
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO. 14 – PROPOSED LANDFILL IN ESPERANCE

I refer to Petition No. 14, relating to a proposed new waste facility Esperance, at Lot 12 Kirwan Road, Merivale.

The planning proposal for the Esperance-Merivale rubbish tip has not been referred to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), either by the Shire of Esperance or the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

As a result of community concerns raised about the potential impact on local groundwater aquifers for rural domestic and agricultural livestock use, I have instructed DPIRD to prepare a formal response through the EPA process on matters relating to the *Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007* and on the potential impacts on agricultural land or land use surrounding the proposed waste facility, including the local hydrology.

Yours sincerely

HON ALANNAH MACTIERNAN MLC
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