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MEDIA RELEASE

From: Hon Dr Kim Hames, MLA
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To: Media

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INQUIRY INTO THE CAUSE AND EXTENT OF LEAD POLLUTION IN THE ESPERANCE AREA

The Education and Health Standing Committee today extended the deadline for submissions for its Inquiry into the Cause and Extent of Lead Poisoning in the Esperance Area. The new deadline for submissions is Friday, 25 May 2007.

The acting Chairman, Dr Kim Hames MLA, noted that the response to the initial call for submissions had been very positive, particularly given the short-time frame. The submissions already provided had greatly assisted the Committee to prepare for the public hearings commencing today in Perth.

The submissions from Esperance-based individuals and groups had also provided the Committee with an opportunity to request that a broad range of interested parties be represented at the public hearings to be held in Esperance on 2 and 3 May 2007. (Details are attached)

The Committee encourages interested individuals and agencies to consider providing written submissions, including responses to the evidence given at public hearings and supplementary submissions, before the new deadline of 25 May 2007.

The acting Chairman Dr Hames said that because of the short-time frame which the Legislative Assembly has provided for the Committee to report on this Inquiry (16 August 2007), the Committee did not intend to allow further extensions for submissions, and pointed out that the Committee may not be able to give any submissions received after the new deadline due consideration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY 2007

Location: **Civic Centre, Council Place, Esperance**

9:00 am Magellan Metals Pty Ltd

Mr Patrick Scott, Managing Director
Mr Trevor Watters, General Manager, Strategic Development

10:30 am Esperance Port Authority

Mr Colin Stewart, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Jim Matijasevich, Chairman

1:00 pm Shire of Esperance

Cr Ian Mickel, Shire President
Cr Beverley Stewart, Deputy President
Mr Ian Brookes, Executive Manager, Development Services
Mr Shayne Flanagan, Executive Project Officer

2:15 pm Recherche Advisory Group Inc.

Mr Brian Pearce

3:15 pm

Mr Doc Reynolds

PUBLIC HEARINGS THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2007

Location: **Civic Centre, Council Place, Esperance**

9:00 am

Ms Maxine Woodhouse
Mr Jack Woodhouse

10:00 am LED (Locals for Esperance Development)

Mr Ben Curtis
Ms Michelle Crisp

11:15 am

Ms Pam Norris

12:45 pm

Ms Lisa Helenius

2:00 pm

Dr Donald Howarth

2:45 pm

Ms Lisa Teague Robertson
Mr Paul Robertson

3:45 pm LEAF (Local Environmental Action Forum)

Mr Keith Archer, Secretary
Ms Cheryl Bradley, Vice President