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COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Legislative Assembly Standing Order No. 284 provides the following functions, powers and terms of reference to the Procedure and Privileges Committee —

Procedure and Privileges Committee

- 284.** (1) A Procedure and Privileges Committee will be appointed at the beginning of each Parliament to —
- (a) examine and report on the procedures of the Assembly; and
 - (b) examine and report on issues of privilege; and
 - (c) wherever necessary, confer with a similar committee of the Council.
- (2) Membership of the committee will consist of the Speaker and four other members as the Assembly appoints.
- (3) Standing Order 278 will apply except that where possible any report of the committee will be presented by the Deputy Speaker.
- (4) When consideration of a report from the committee is set down as an order of the day it will be considered using the consideration in detail procedure.

REPORT

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly referred to the Procedure and Privileges Committee a letter dated 20 October 2010 from Mr Russell Aubrey, Mayor, and Dr Shayne Silcox, Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the City of Melville, seeking to use Standing Order 114 to respond to comments made on 10 August 2010 by the Member for Alfred Cove, Dr Janet Woollard, MLA.

The Committee has agreed to the attached response by the City of Melville.

In accordance with Standing Order 114 the Committee has not considered or judged the truth of any statements made in the submission.

Recommendation

Your Committee recommends —

- That a response by the City of Melville in the terms specified in the Appendix to this report, be incorporated in *Hansard*.



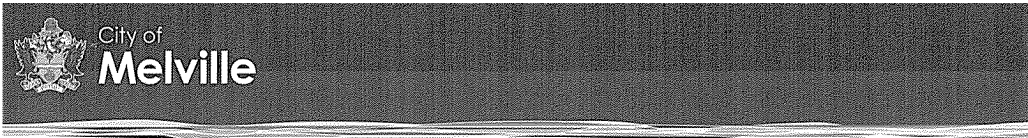
HON. GRANT WOODHAMS, MLA
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE
21 October 2010

APPENDIX ONE

RESPONSE BY THE CITY OF MELVILLE

***AGREED TO BY THE CITY OF MELVILLE AND
THE PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 114***

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Date: 20 October 2010
Enquiries: Dr Shayne Silcox- 9364 0610
Our Reference: 2342351

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr. Speaker

RE: Submission in terms of Standing Order 114 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia.

The City of Melville draws to your attention the following quotations from the extract of Dr Woollard's comments as recorded in Hansard (Assembly) 10 August 2010 at page 5103 in relation to the Canning Bridge Precinct Vision.

1. Line 33: "...we were notified that the City of South Perth has sent some residents a letter saying that it has come to an agreement on some changes....";
2. Line 41: "Even today at lunchtime, the member for Willagee had the CEO and Mayor of the City of Melville to lunch, and I asked them what was happening. They said that nothing was happening and that nothing had happened yet. I said it was funny that the City of South Perth is consulting, yet the City of Melville is not.";
3. Line 45: "The community may find out from the local member that plans are afoot to make changes in the area, if they do not hear from their local council.";
4. Line 52: "They are very hopeful that this government will not let them down and will not do the same thing that the City of Melville has done."

The City of Melville wishes to respond to the 4 numbered extracts above mentioned. It does so in terms of Section 114 (1) of the Standing Orders. The response to the four abovementioned extracts of the Hansard Report are dealt with in the same numbered order:

1. The City of South Perth has advised that they have come to no arrangement/agreements with their ratepayers;
2. On 10 August 2010, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Melville were having lunch with the member for Willagee. Dr Woollard approached the lunch party uninvited and asked, and we quote: "What is happening?" As the comment/question was not preceded by any discussion by the lunch group on the one hand and Dr Woollard on the other, the assumption was that it was a general comment, which elicited the response by the Mayor of the City of Melville as follows: "Nothing, we're just having lunch."

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Just before leaving the lunch group, Dr Woollard stated: "If you scratch my back on Canning Bridge, I'll scratch yours on Fiona Stanley", to which the Mayor replied: "That's not how it works Janet, we don't do deals", upon which Dr Woollard walked away.

The comment by Dr Woollard in The Assembly is untruthful and out of context. As can be seen from the response three and four below, much has been done in the line of consultation and information to the members of the community.

- 3 & 4 Contrary to the statements made by Dr Woollard, as quoted in these numbered paragraphs, the City of Melville has kept the members of its community informed as follows:

The process of community and stakeholder engagement so far has included;

- Preliminary opportunities and constraints study;
- Community open day July 2008;
- City of South Perth community workshops in August and September 2008;
- Transport forum November 2008;
- City of Melville community workshops February 2009;
- Transport workshop mid 2009;
- Draft precinct vision formal public comment period –02 February 2010 – 01 April 2010 including public forum 13 February 2010;
- Submissions reviewed (400+);
- Transport Workshop 4 June 2010;
- A community forum on 29/9/10 for those within the City of Melville who lodged submissions on the draft Canning Bridge Precinct Vision to provide feedback on analysis of submissions and outline next steps in the process.

It can therefore hardly be said that the community has not heard from their local council nor that it has let them down, as is implied.

It is respectfully pointed out that the vision for future development of the Canning Bridge precinct is of utmost importance to the State, under management of the Western Australian Planning Commission, and to the Cities of Melville and South Perth. It is also an emotive issue for a section of the local community who feel that they are negatively impacted by certain aspects of the vision which is yet to be finalised for adoption.

Within these circumstances an accurate reflection and representation of the facts are of great importance to avoid that the dealings or associations of the City of Melville with others in relation to the Canning Bridge vision are adversely affected.

As can be appreciated, public consultation is a core ingredient of any development of the kind envisioned at Canning Bridge precinct and any submissions, such as made herein for the correction of misinformation, is not a trivial matter. Misinformation could have a negative affect on the development and progression of the vision and result in unnecessary cost implications.

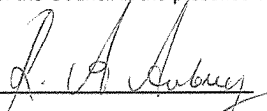
A written request was sent to Dr Woollard earlier the year to correct inaccurate information presented by her to the Melville community. To our knowledge no corrections of misinformation have occurred. Moreover, the Honourable John Day, The Minister for Planning, in writing on 14 September 2010, noted the various

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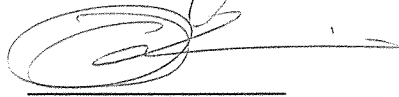
consultation processes undertaken to date by the City of Melville to have been significant and appropriate for this important study and commended the City for its efforts and commitment.

The City would be glad to receive your urgent advice on your decision as to how this submission will be dealt with.

The Common Seal of the City of Melville was affixed by the authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of -



RUSSELL AUBREY, Mayor



Dr SHAYNE SILCOX, Chief Executive Officer

