



Minister for Transport; Planning

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Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO. 95 – INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 2018 regarding Petition No. 95 – International School of Western Australia (ISWA), which has been referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.

I understand that the Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education will be providing a response to the questions raised in the petition, as they relate primarily to matters within the responsibility of the Education portfolio. Notwithstanding, I would like to provide a summary of the development approvals relating to the ISWA development and clarify concerns raised by the petitioners regarding anticipated student numbers.

Development Assessment Panels are responsible for determining development applications that meet specific type and value thresholds as if they were the responsible authority under the applicable planning instrument, in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act 2005* and associated *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011*.

The Metro North-West Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) approved a development application for the replacement of the existing Doubleview Primary School on 25 January 2017. The Department of Finance (Building Management and Works) prepared a Responsible Authority Report (RAR) for approval under the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS), as the development constituted a public work. Public works are exempt from the need to obtain development approval under a local planning scheme. The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has delegated the ability to determine applications for such public primary schools under the MRS to the Department of Finance as the land is zoned Urban in the MRS.

The JDAP subsequently approved a development application for the redevelopment of the northern half of the existing Doubleview Primary School site, to accommodate the relocation of ISWA on 22 February 2018. The JDAP had previously deferred its consideration of the application in July and December 2017 to address procedural matters and obtain additional information from the applicant. The WAPC and the City of Stirling prepared separate RARs for the application, under the MRS and City of Stirling Local Planning Scheme No. 3 (LPS 3) respectively. This was because the development did not entirely constitute a public primary school, but included elements shared with Doubleview Primary School that were classified as public works.

With respect to the petitioners' concerns regarding student numbers intended to be accommodated within the relocated ISWA, it is noted that the WAPC and City based their respective assessments on 350 students being accommodated on the site, as advised by the applicant. In this respect, Condition 2 of the JDAP's development approval under LPS 3 states that:

"A maximum of 350 students shall be accommodated at the International School of Western Australia at any one time, to the satisfaction of the City".

Any proposal to increase the capacity of the development beyond 350 students would require further approval to be obtained from the JDAP and would be considered on its merits at that time.

Thank you for raising this matter with me. I trust the above advice is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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