



Hon. Diane Evers MLC
Member for the South West Region

Hon. Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair, Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Western Australian Parliament

Dear Mr Swinbourn,

RE: Petition No. 075 (second petition) - Dalyellup Greenpatch

I write in support of this petition, which to my knowledge, has not been taken to the Ombudsman. It calls on the Legislative Council to support measures to stop the development of the Greenpatch (Structure Plan 11453P-SP-04B Lots 9105, 9076, 8019) and recommends the area to be ceded into the Shearwater Tuart Forest to form part of the Preston River to Ocean Regional Park.

I note this petition has been amalgamated with a Petition tabled by myself on 14 August 2018, for consideration by the committee concurrently. Further to my submission on 12 September 2018 outlining reasons why any subdivision or development in the Greenpatch Dalyellup area should be stopped, I would like to address the issue outlined in the second petition.

I confirm support for the petitioners request to stop development of the Greenpatch and cede the area into the Shearwater Tuart forest to form part of the Preston River to Ocean Regional Park as proposed. It is understood that the Greenpatch development is likely to be impacted by odour emissions from the neighbouring Waste Water treatment plant (WWTP) due to its proximity to the plant.

Background

- Prior to 2010, most of the Greenpatch development site was included in a minimum 1km separation distance buffer from the WWTP;
- In 2010, the Water Corporation sought to amend the Greater Bunbury Regional Scheme (GBRS) to establish the 'Special Control Area No4-Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour Buffer Area, which proposed a reduction in the buffer boundary based on a 2007 odour modelling report. The report was prepared using information from data pertaining to Woodman Point WWTP in 2003 and the Bunbury WWTP in 1997. It is understood that no current information was used at the time of preparing the report.
- The odour modelling information that was used in the report indicated a significant portion of the Greenpatch development site would be impacted.



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- The odour buffer proposed by the Water Corporation was not considered conservative enough by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the former Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), as it was based on dated information and modelling studies.
- In 2013 the WAPC approved amendments to the odour buffer boundary, despite the above.
- As confirmed in my question to the Minister for Environment in parliament on 31 October 2018, the report was the only information resource used to determine the odour buffer boundary for the GBRS.
- The final odour buffer boundary in the GBRS was even less conservative than that proposed by the Water Corporation.

I am particularly concerned that development is being proposed within an area that was previously within an odour buffer zone and that decisions to amend zones have been based on modelling studies that are out of date.

For this reason and those outlined in my previous submission, I support the petitioners request to stop development at this site.

Yours sincerely,



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