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Our Ref: Written Submission, Petition No 011
Date: 10 July 2017
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Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment
and Public Affairs
Parliament House
Harvest Terrace
ERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Swinbourn,

Petition No.011 – Wave park, Alfred Cove

I write to provide a submission regarding the above petition which I presented in the Legislative Council on 13 June 2017.

My knowledge of this matter comes largely from information provided by representatives of the petitioners. As such, rather than to attempt to assert a particular set of events as having occurred or necessarily endorse particular points of view, I write this submission with the intention of ensuring that the Committee is aware of concerns and queries that have been raised with me by constituents in the South Metropolitan Region.

I have been advised that the Wave Park development is intended to be located on the foreshore of the Swan River, on areas which include the current Melville Bowling Club, some of the Tompkins Park playing fields, and public open space. As well as adjoining the Alfred Cove nature reserve and overlooking the Swan Estuary Marine Park.

I have been advised that the site falls within the scope of an extensive list of agreements, policies and guidelines, which in the opinion of the petitioners do not support the establishment of a commercial operation on the shore of the Swan River and in close proximity to conservation areas.

I have been advised that the proposed site is within the Bush Forever Site 331, and that this site hosts a variety of migratory birds which rest and feed on the site and are likely to be affected by the proposed development. Furthermore I have been advised that the

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proposed arrangement would necessitate part of this Bush Forever Site to the City of Melville to be developed commercially as part of any proposed Wave Park lease, and I would hope that any decision on this is given proper scrutiny and analysis.

I have been advised that there is a specific recommendation for a waterfront buffer zone along the Tompkins Park foreshore in the Perth – Peel Green Growth Plan, which at face value seems to be a very sensible policy.

I have also been advised that the proposed development would be inconsistent with the WA Planning Commission public open space policy and I would be concerned if access to public open space is substantially reduced. Furthermore constituents have highlighted the value of the Swan River landscape and have raised concerns around this being altered if the proposal is to go ahead.

Petitioners have also raised with me concerns that the City of Melville would be violating many of its own environmental and open space policies if it is to approve this project.

The proposed Wave Park development at Alfred Cove is a matter of significant public interest, and I am of the view that there should be thorough and transparent examination of the implications and lasting effects of any such development being given the necessary approvals.

Your attention to these concerns will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pierre Yang', written in a cursive style.

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