

PROPOSED RIVERTON BRIDGE KIOSK DEVELOPMENT**By Geoff Rees**

WRRRA Committee members attended a Canning City Council workshop in August 2008 to discuss the proposed \$700,000 redevelopment of the kiosk, which Mr. Steve Atwell (Acting City Engineer) explained was in need of repairs/refurbishment.

WRRRA raised no objection to the proposal, however, as a result of a recent spate of road accidents at this location (3 in the week prior to the workshop), we presented a submission designed to improve traffic flow and safety of the Riverton Jetty Park patrons by:

- Dead-ending the south-west end of Bridge Street in a cul-de-sac.
- Expand the useable park lands by connecting the large grassed public open space on the north-east side of Bridge Street with the existing park.
- Install a roundabout in Fern Road at the terminated end of Bridge Street which would serve as the only entrance to the enlarged kiosk/toilet block carpark.
- Relocate the Children's Playground some 150 metres north-east away from Fern Road.

- Install a 2nd BBQ facility in the grassed public open space on the North East side of Bridge Street. i.e. directly north of the existing kiosk/toilet block.

As a result of the workshop, Canning City Council resolved to call for architectural submissions to progress the kiosk upgrade proposal to a maximum expenditure of \$500,000.

It is doubtful whether this cost would include any provision for improved safety of the park patrons from through traffic.

**LEACH HIGHWAY TRUCKS UPDATE****By Lester Durbin**

This topic has not dropped 'under our radar' although it is fair to say that the change of State Government has not made our task any easier of having the truck length restriction further reduced to 12.5 metres. The previous Labor Government introduced the 19 metre restriction albeit after much indecision and delay. They further committed to reducing the restriction to 12.5 metres at some time in the future with no indication of when this might be.

WRRRA has a copy of correspondence from our newly elected Cannington MLA, Bill Johnston to the new Minister of Transport, Simon O'Brien requesting notification of the Minister's stance on

retaining the 19 metre restriction pending a total ban of all large trucks from Leach Highway between Albany Highway and the Kwinana freeway. **WRRRA** is aware of rumours circulating that the transport industry is lobbying to remove the 19 metre restriction.

To conclude, we cannot move forward until the Minister replies and this may be delayed as we understand he has suffered a bout of ill-health from which we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.