

**WILSON EAST UNDERGROUND POWER UPDATE**

Following up on our Summer Edition newsletter, there have been some changes in the schedule for the installation of U/G power in Wilson East, which was due to start late 2012. The original definition of Wilson East in the programme was to exclude the area east of Fleming Avenue and bounded by Manning Road. This area included approximately 147 dwellings and a small number of commercial premises which were excluded. However following submissions from residents of this area who very much wanted U/G power, **WRRRA** undertook a doorknock and gathered a petition which was presented to Council and it was tabled at the Council Meeting of 11 August 2011. As one of our committee members put it 'you can't get much further east in Wilson than this area so why isn't it included in the Wilson East Project?'

The Council agreed with our petition and submitted it with their own reasons to Western Power, Office of Energy the government office concerned who after due consideration rejected the proposal to increase the scope of the project. Subsequently, Canning City Mayor Delle Donne and Acting CEO have met and requested the Minister for Power, Peter Collier to have this decision reviewed. As we await a final ruling, the installation of U/G power in Wilson East has been delayed and our 'slot' given to another area so it is hoped that work can start in 2013. Whether the area east of Fleming Ave. will be included we don't yet know.

**WA METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT REVIEW DRAFT FINDINGS - APRIL 2012**

During the latter part of 2011-early 2012, a selected panel from the community and local government sector reviewed the numerous submissions and after due consideration have now issued their draft findings under a report which was issued for public comments by the 25 May 2012. Briefly the committee recognised the need for change and made 23 key recommendations under their April 2012 Report. These included the need to enhance strategic thinking across the Local Govt., State and the wider community required to manage the extraordinary growth over the next 50 years. It also recognised the need for change on Local Govt. structures, boundaries and governance to reduce duplication, streamline regulatory requirements and achieve greater economies of scale.

**KENT STREET WEIR PRECINCT**

**WRRRA** is aware that the City of Canning is working on a Master Plan for improvements to the Kent Street Weir precinct. **WRRRA** and the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the plan when it is released.

**WRRRA** is keen to see a balanced outcome of conservation, recreation and residential issues including:

- Access for the public to use the playing field near the Weir;
- Improved parking and safer traffic flow in the area on days of heavy use such as the third Sunday for the month for the Castledare Railway.
- Night lighting that is adequate for security whilst reflecting the environmental qualities of the area.
- Improving access to the public, whilst harnessing the conservation value, for the Wilson Lake.
- The area conforms with FESA requirements for bushfire prevention.
- The reduction of dust in the area, particularly across the dry weather periods.

In recent months the City of Canning has acted on the elimination of industrial noise from the Eco-Education Centre Cafe.

**WRRRA** welcomes comments from residents regarding issues in the Kent Street Weir precinct. The best method is email to the secretary at [secretary@wrra.org.au](mailto:secretary@wrra.org.au)