

LETTER TO DR GALLOP

Dear Geoff,

With reference to your letter of 12 July 2005 and response from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Ms Alannah MacTiernan MLA, Reference 2-2098, we are extremely disappointed at the apparent off-handed rejection by this Department of the City of Canning's Town Planning Amendment No 129.

The amendment, which was unanimously supported by the City of Canning's councillors, was in direct response to complaints from long-term residents in recent years regarding their concerns at the (negative) impact relating to the noticeable increase in group housing and infill developments in the area. It relates to a small section of Wilson abutting the Canning River Regional Park.

This issue is compounded by the total absence of any initiative by the State Government to improve existing public transport and basic community facilities in the area. i.e. All primary schools, community shops, medical facilities and sporting amenities in Wilson are all located on the northern side of Leach Highway and no such facilities are located within walking distance of the area

covered by the proposed amendment.

It's important to note that the City's recommendation to change the zoning from R17.5 / R25 to R17.5 / R20 was accompanied by a detailed impact assessment and the results of a comprehensive household survey, conducted at the association's request, which clearly shows that the majority of ratepayers within the nominated areas supported the proposed amendment.

To reject our City's Application on the grounds "that Council has placed too much emphasis on the results of a household survey and not adequately demonstrated strategic planning grounds" is seen to be extremely dismissive by the association (given the detailed impact assessment and community consultation undertaken by the City Planners as part of the amendment process); and an insult to the ratepayers that participated in the survey!

... It's clear that the City has indeed made significant provision for high-to-medium density developments north of the Canning River.

From the association's perspective, All we're asking for (on behalf of

South Wilson residents) is a "fairer" distribution of group housing and infill developments within the Wilson area, particularly given that majority of Wilson residents north of Leach Highway have consistently supported such developments while Wilson residents south of Leach Highway have traditionally opposed them.

In light of these concerns and the off-handed / insensitivity single paragraph refusal of the proposed application, we intend to convene a Special Meeting of the Wilson Residents and Ratepayers' Association to discuss this matter jointly with the local councillors, City officials and members of your Government.

We therefore ask that either the Minister for Planning and Development and/or yourself, as our Local State Government Representative, attend this meeting to clearly explain the reasons for the Minister's refusal of City of Canning's Town Planning Amendment No 129.

Yours sincerely,

Max Zeller

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NHW UPDATE

Neighbourhood Watch WAonline (www.nhw.wa.gov.au) is an exciting new development in community policing in WA.

All residents are encouraged to visit the new website to receive regular emails from your local police about crime prevention issues affecting our suburb.

If we want to make our community safe and drive crime down, police can't do that without your support.

By Maria Valli

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A map showing WRRRA's preferred route for the proposed extension of the CRRP Dual-Use Path Network from Riverton Bridge to Castledare is shown on the next page.

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