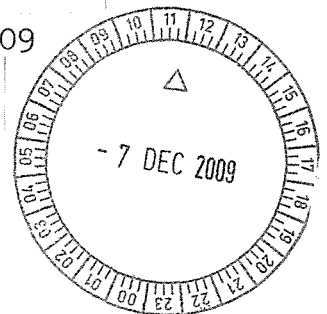


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Ms.B.P.Holmes.

3 December, '09  
Tele:



Ms. Cassandra Stephenson,  
Committee Clerk,  
Standing Committee on Public Administration,  
Legislative Council, Parliament House,  
PERTH...6000

Dear Ms.Stephenson,

Re: Inquiry into Recreation Activities within Public  
Drinking Water Source Areas.

As a Member of the Western Walking Club inc. for 25 years, and a keen bushwalker I wish to make submission to your inquiry.

Whilst I support sensible policies and regulations in relation to public drinking water sources, I believe that the restriction on all recreational activity within 2 Km of the high water mark in our reservoirs is unnecessarily restrictive especially in relation to bushwalking.

Walking is a simple basic form of exercise. As bushwalkers we benefit from participating in a weight bearing (and often strenuous) exercise, so important for our bones. We also gain team building skills, navigation & map reading skills.

The 2 Km Reservoir Protection Zone is excessive and encourages reasonable people to break unreasonable laws. The Protection Zone necessitates a restriction on our leaders to set a programme which is varied and interesting.

We don't want to drive long distances for recreational opportunities which would entail more fuel use, more carbon emissions.

I offer the above comments which I respectfully ask you to take into consideration in your deliberations, and I urge you to change the Policy to allow bushwalking on and off track, and overnight backpacking within a reduced buffer zone in the catchment areas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B.P. Holmes".

B.P.Holmes.