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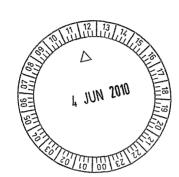
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Committee Clerk
Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
Legislative Council
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Attention: Renae Jewell



Dear Madam

RE: STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS – INQUIRY INTO THE REMOVAL OF SENIOR SCHOOL ALLOCATION FUNDING FOR YEAR 11 AND 12 COURSES AT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS

The Ardross Group is the owner of land south of the Jurien Bay Townsite. This land is subject to the Western Australian Planning Commission approved 'Turquoise Coast Development Structure Plan' containing some 9000 residential lots, hotel, resort and caravan park sites as well as commercial and industrial land.

To date some 600 lots have been developed and in excess of 100 new homes have been built in Beachridge.

The Ardross Group requests the opportunity to provide evidence to the Committee. Dr Walter Cox is available for this purpose wcox@ardross.com and 0447 964 380.

## Terms of Reference:

(a) The decision making process and rationale behind the decision.

The Ardross Group has not been consulted by the Education Department about the growth currently taking place and future growth in population in Jurien Bay. We are also unaware of any community consultation being undertaken.

In view of the existing and predicted growth in population the Ardross Group cannot understand the proposal to close years 11 and 12.

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The completion of Indian Ocean Drive directly linking the Perth Metropolitan area is expected to result in further growth as Perth people 'discover' Jurien Bay.

Previous studies by the WA Planning Commission, Main Roads WA and the Wheatbelt Development Commission have predicted that Jurien Bay's population will <u>double</u> within 10 years of completion of Indian Ocean Drive.

Recent growth and future growth require access to basic education services including years 11 and 12. The prospects of years 11 and 12 closing has already resulted in people deciding to relocate from the town to provide access to education opportunities for their children.

(b) and (c)

The Ardross Group has no additional information available to address these Terms of Reference.

I look forward to providing evidence to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Dr W.J. Cox

Director