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Hon Brian Ellis MLC Chairman Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs 18 - 32 Parliament Place WEST PERTH WA 6000



PETITION NUMBER 105 - PAYMENT OF SEWERAGE RATES IN WYNDHAM

Dear Chairman and Committee Members

Mr Marten Ynema recently provided the Legislative Council with a petition in relation to the payment of sewerage rates in Wyndham.

The petition is a response to what appears to be unfair and unrealistic rates that are being imposed on residents. Currently Wyndham (new town) residents pay the Water Corporation full sewerage rates for the removal of grey water only. Wyndham residents (new town) must supply their own septic tanks and arrange for pump-outs of those tanks with no assistance from the Water Corporation.

As residents of the North-West of our State, the cost of living already exceeds that of their Metropolitan counterparts, and to add to this the Water Corporation appear to be charging residents for services that they do not receive from them.

I have not taken this complaint to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigation.

I am therefore supportive of the residents of Wyndham in their quest for an equal and fairer rate system, where they are only paying for the services that they receive rather than a standard rate for all imposed by the Water Corporation.

Yours sincerely

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