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CITY of PERTH

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Hon Max Trenorden MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Public Administration
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Trenorden

INQUIRY INTO WOODEN POWER POLES

In response to your letter dated 24 September 2009 concerning the above subject and other issues relevant to the terms of reference of the inquiry, I provide the following comments:

1. Wooden Power Poles

The City of Perth have systematically carried out an undergrounding of power program over the past 15 years which has been totally funded by the City. As a result there are only 96 wooden power poles with the majority catering for high tension power supply. I have attached a recently prepared map of their location and schedule detailing their condition for your information.

2. Response to Lighting Maintenance Requests

Over the past 18 months response to maintenance requests of Western Power faults within the City's boundary has been deficient. Subsequently the City wrote to the Managing Director Western Power outlining our concerns. A copy of the letter dated 19 January 2009 including responses have been attached for your examination.

I am also aware that the Member for Mount Lawley Michael Sutherland MLA has corresponded with the Minister for Energy, Hon Peter Collier MLC on 25 June 2009 raising a number of issues related to lighting fault response times.

Recently there has been some improvement in response times, however, the City is of the view that there is still an unsatisfactory delay from the period of notification to fault rectification.

I trust that the information provided will be of assistance to your Standing Committee

Yours sincerely

DOUG FORSTER
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attach.

Wooden Light Poles Located in the City of Perth

Location Area	Location of Poles Requiring Attention	Comment
East Perth 27 Poles	City Farm Place (Off Lime Street	1 poles requires sleeving and 1 Pole requires bracing.
Northbridge 16 Poles	Nil	All poles in Museum, John and Aberdeen Streets are in good condition
West Perth 53 Poles	East side of Outram Street outside No 87	1 pole needs replacement see attached photograph
	Outram Street	Most poles in Outram Street between Wellington and Cook Streets lean to the east and require straightening
	Thomas Street East side	Second pole north of Ord Street has been damaged 2 metres above the ground and needs replacing
	Railway Parade	1 pole on South side of Railway Parade east of Colin Place requires sleeving
	Lucknow Place	Strainer pole east side of Lucknow Place is leaning
	Plaistowe Mews	Strainer pole in Plaistowe Mews requires sleeve