

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD —  
PROPOSED WATTLE GROVE TRANSFER — INQUIRY

5246. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Local Government Advisory Board's Inquiry into a Proposal to transfer part of Wattle Grove from the Shire of Kalamunda to the City of Gosnells, and ask:

- (a) why was a Wattle Grove Inquiry launched by the Department of Local Government and Communities, advertised asking for submissions, when the Proposal itself was not available to interested parties until mid-February;
- (b) how will the Local Government Advisory Board deal with any submissions from parties who did not have access to the proponents' proposal;
- (c) was the original Proposal (Nov 2015) that was the basis of the Board's 9 December 2015 decision to formally inquire withdrawn? and if so, when;
- (d) when did the Local Government Advisory Board receive the amended Proposal; and
- (e) is the Local Government Advisory Board and the Department of Local Government and Communities satisfied that the amended Proposal sets out the reasons for making such a Proposal, given that common sense would suggest that in fact the Proposal is part of a suite to actions to ensure that the proposed aged-care facility is not built on Gavour Road in Wattle Grove?

**Mr A.J. Simpson replied:**

- (a) The Wattle Grove Inquiry was initiated by the Local Government Advisory Board. An Information Paper was made available on the Inquiry's webpage on 21 January 2016 for the start of the Inquiry period. There is no requirement under Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* to make the proposal public; however, the Board did make the supporting statement to the proposal available to interested parties via its webpage on 11 February 2016.
- (b) The Local Government Advisory Board is not aware of any parties who did not have access to the proponents' proposal.
- (c) The original proposal was not withdrawn. A revised version of the supporting statement to the proposal was provided by the proponents on 1 February 2016. The intent and detail of the original proposal was not altered by this process.
- (d) The revised version of the supporting statement to the proposal was received on 1 February 2016.
- (e) The Local Government Advisory Board is satisfied that the amended supporting statement to the proposal sets out the reasons for making such a proposal, as it met all requirements as noted in the *Local Government Act 1995*, Schedule 2.1, clause 2(1)(d) and 2(2).