

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
AND FINANCE**

SESSION 1 - IN PRIVATE

**TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE TAKEN
AT MANDURAH
ON TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2002**

Members

**Hon Barry House (Chairman
Hon Ed Dermer (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Murray Criddle
Hon John Fischer
Hon Dee Margetts
Hon Ken Travers
Hon Sue Ellery**

MEEK, MR GARRY:

MEEK, MRS ROSALIND:

The CHAIRMAN: This segment of the session is in private. The committee has already deemed and approved this.

Mr Meek: Because the appeal has gone on for so long, I rang Jenny Law, the appeals officer, who is fighting for us. In the meantime, the shire was told to close the pit but we caught trucks carting rubbish coming out of the rubbish tip last week. I forgot to tell the committee about that. There is a new dam going in at Waroona. One of the contractors took the Water Corporation's head contract supplies chap to the Shire of Waroona to the rubbish pit that I am talking about, for which it tried to get the contract for the sand out of the pit that is on crown land, right next door to my land. If we are talking about the environment, when I told the chap from the Water Corporation, he said, "I'm glad you told us that because we don't want to be involved in anything illegal." He said he would advise the contractors to get the sand out of our pit. We have been there for 40 years. The contractor who tried to sell the rubbish tip sand to the new pipeline for the new dam that is going into Waroona has called it fast-tracking - bringing it forward.

Getting back to my appeal, I believe it has been upheld. That is the reason this evidence needs to be given in private. I rang the appeals officer and she said, "Look, Garry, I can tell you that your appeal has been upheld. The letter is in the minister's office at the moment waiting to be signed. The minister's workload is heavy but you need to get the letter at the same time as the shire." The appeals officer does not want me to start spruiking before the shire knows and I want the shire to be officially advised before that confidentiality gets around. I asked the appeals officer yesterday whether I could tell the committee that, and she said that it would be all right if it was in confidence. However, I was told that nothing is definite until the minister's signature is on the letter and it is waiting for that; but the appeal has been upheld. It looks like we will beat the shire. I am not stopping there. I am going to sue it for what it has done to us.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there anything else while we are in private session?

Mr Meek: No.

[Conclusion of in private evidence.]