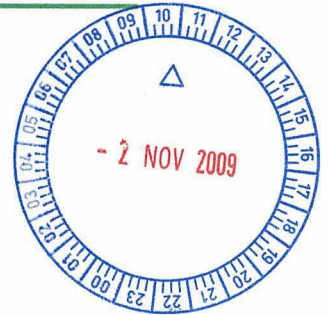


Hon Max Trenorden MLC  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Chairman

**Maintenance and Management of Wooden Power Poles in the Shire of Wagin.**

The Shire of Wagin and the Community are concerned with the state of the Wooden Power Poles within our Shire. We would like to make you aware of the following issues.

- **Lack of maintenance.** Some of these poles are in a desperate need of replacement. A good example is the power pole below. This pole is not just leaning over into the street but it also seems that the heavy transformer attached to it is loose at the top. A clear gap between the transformer bracket and the pole is visible from a distance.



- **Disconnection of power to allow the extinguishing of Pole top fires.** Our fire brigades find it frustrating to deal with Pole top fires as they cannot attempt to extinguish these fires until Western Power has disconnected the electricity. As there is no Western Power staff based in Wagin it often takes a long time for the electricity to be disconnected and our fire brigade can start their work.

Yours Sincerely

Lu Calneggia  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
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