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Dear Mr Max Trenorden MLC

Inquiry into wooden power poles

Thankyou for your letter 24th September 2009 in reference to the use of wooden power transmission poles.

The City of Melville is very pro-active in working with the State Government, the Office of Energy and Western Power to underground the power infrastructure throughout the City of Melville. This is progressively being achieved through the State Underground Power Program (SUPP). There is a growing interest amongst residents throughout the City of Melville for the introduction of underground power for many reasons including the removal of wooden power poles and the overhead wires.

The City of Melville has concerns in relation to road safety issues particularly where the poles are located close to the carriageway edge presenting a serious risk to motorists and pedestrians in the event of a collision. A common practice is to reinforce the stability of wooden poles by bracing the pole with steel columns. This presents an even greater hazard to in the event of a crash. When an area of power unfastructure is undergrounded then many of these hazards are removed and the siting of transformer cabinets can be considered with road safety issues in mind.

If you have any queries on these comments please contact Roy Bailey Special Projects Officer on 9364 0674.

regards

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