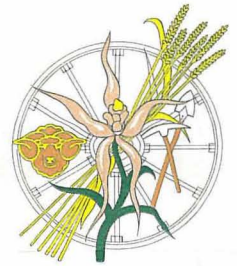


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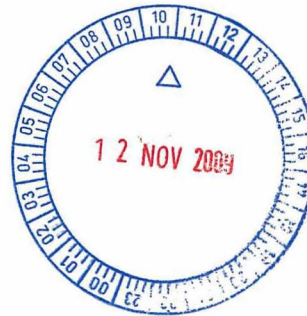


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3rd November 2009.

The Chairman,
Standing Committee on Public Administration,
Parliament House,
PERTH WA 6000.



Dear Mr. Trenorden,

INQUIRY INTO 'WOODEN POWER POLES' – WESTONIA COUNCIL COMMENT

Thankyou for your correspondence regarding the above which was discussed at a meeting of Council held on Thursday 22nd October 2009.

Please be advised that Council resolved to make the following comments in relation to the inquiry

- *Current Age of Existing Wooden Power Poles – The current age of wooden poles in this area would be 30 – 50 years and require immediate replacement and that base supports by steel rods was ineffective due the poles snapping off above the supports,*
- *Western Power too Revenue Driven – Western Power is now too focused on revenue raising rather than as a service provider to the existing network,*
- *Pine Poles – the use of pine poles is not considered an appropriate timber for the Wheatbelt area even with treatment and that a harder wood should be used for longevity of poles.*

Hoping that you find this satisfactory and if you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer

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