



Minister for Transport; Planning

Our Ref: 72-24722
Your Ref: Petition No. 138

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO. 138 – NORTH WANNEROO WATER RIGHTS

Thank you for your letter of 19 March 2020 regarding Petition No. 138 – North Wanneroo Water Rights.

The North Wanneroo Residents Association is a community group in Carabooda-Nowergup advocating to the State Government for consolidation of water licences to viable agricultural areas, and for allowing rural residential subdivision to less viable agricultural areas to the west. The group requests implementation of the *Future of East Wanneroo Report*, published by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) in 2007.

In 2018, the WAPC published the North-West Sub-regional Planning Framework (the Framework) which retains north Wanneroo for rural and agricultural purposes, and advocates against the creation of new rural residential areas beyond those already classified in the Framework.

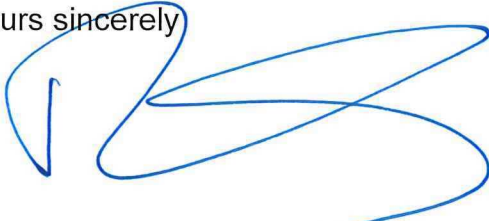
The City of Wanneroo is advancing initiatives affecting the north Wanneroo area. Most importantly, the City is to prepare a local planning strategy which will be the vehicle for addressing issues affecting north Wanneroo, and is to consider land use permissibility for the subject Rural zone under its local planning scheme. The City is currently in the process of preparing a discussion paper to inform its local planning strategy and review of its scheme.

The State Government has previously established the *North Wanneroo Agriculture and Water Taskforce* (taskforce) to work towards resolving water allocation and land use matters in North Wanneroo. The taskforce findings as well as the State Government's response to these findings were published in January 2019:
<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/horticulture/north-wanneroo-agriculture-and-water-taskforce>

It is understood that the State Government (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development) has recently undertaken water efficiency studies in north Wanneroo and prepared a preliminary business case regarding the establishment of an agriprecinct in State (pine) forest land which is to be supplied with recycled water from the Alkimos Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Thank you for raising this matter with me. I trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

15 APR 2020