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Hon Peter Foster MLC
Chair
Environment & Public Affairs Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the *removal and abandonment of trolleys petition* (Petition No.073).

I met with the principal petitioner on a number of occasions to discuss the issues surrounding the abandonment of trolleys in the Spearwood area and across the community.

The principal petitioner highlighted methods used in other countries and States in Australia. The point was also made that Aldi trolleys aren't dumped due to the pay per use method that is utilised. It was also suggested that the shopping centres or outlets could take advantage of modern solutions to keep track of their trolleys and their responsibility to ensure that they don't leave the immediate proximity of their stores.

The responsibility of local governments, when it comes to the dumping of trolleys, was also raised and that perhaps a uniform policy or direction from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) could be provided to Local Government Authorities (LGA's).

It was clear that the principal petitioner and the community association that he represents are frustrated with the amount of dumping of trolleys in the area that they live and the negative impact it has on both the environment of the area and the reputation of the suburb and surrounding area.

I thank the committee for its future consideration of the matters raised and the issue that has led to the tabling of this petition.

Yours sincerely

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