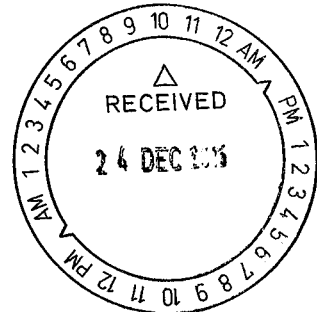




Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
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Dear Mr O'Brien *Simon*

Petition No 102 – Aged Care Facilities

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs in relation to the above petition. I was pleased to table this petition on behalf of the Swan Community Care Services Advisory Committee and I can advise the Committee that I have not referred these issues to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations.

Through my work with various organisations in the East Metropolitan Region and especially in the City of Swan I have come to appreciate how pressing the need for additional aged care places will be in the coming years.

As the petition states, research from a recent major study has shown that by the year 2036 there will need to be an additional 1,050 new aged care places in the City of Swan to keep pace with demand.

I have been advised that this equates to having to build and open 11 new 100 bed residential aged care facilities in the City of Swan alone by 2036. I have also been advised that 1,300 retirement or lifestyle units and 1,100 additional houses styled for aged people will need to be built in the City of Swan by the year 2031 to keep pace with demand.

The recent closure of the Swan District Hospital provides a unique opportunity to explore the possibility of meeting some of this upcoming demand. The existing buildings on the site could feasibly be refurbished and converted into a new regional aged care facility.

I have been advised that the City of Swan and the Midland Chamber of Commerce both support the Swan Community Care Services Advisory Committee's proposal in

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relation to the recommissioning of the Swan District Hospital site and that there is already interest from existing aged care providers to be part of that recommissioning.

I urge your Committee to consider investigating the proposal arising from this petition.

Yours sincerely

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MEMBER FOR EAST METROPOLITAN

22 December 2015