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The Chair
Hon Peter Foster MLC
The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Via email: environment@parliament.wa.gov.au

Dear Chair

Petition No. 060 - Sewerage provisions adjacent to Kenwick Train

I offer a submission to support the above listed petition. I understand that the lack of appropriate sewerage in the location in Kenwick has been a matter of contention for an extended period. I have raised this issue with both the local member for Forrestfield, Mr Steve Price MLA and the Mayor of Gosnells, Mrs Teresa Lynes.

This area must be one of the last remaining sections of the metropolitan region that has not had deep sewerage connected to homes. The WA Planning Commission along with City of Gosnells is supportive so further urban infill can be undertaken under the Metropolitan Region Scheme. I'm advised that it impacts upon approximately 120 properties in the area.

Given the design to incorporate these properties into the wastewater network was completed in 2017, I can appreciate the frustration of these community members not having seen any progress during the intervening period.

The principal petitioners have no doubt articulated in detail the steps they have already taken to get action on finalising this project, as well as all the negative ongoing implications of the status quo remaining so I won't cover that information. The example provided in the petition is not all that dissimilar to an earlier petition that was investigated by this committee during the 38th Parliament, December 2009, 'Inquiry into Deep sewerage in the Cockburn Area', looking at the specific areas of Spearwood. The Standing committee at that time conducted an inquiry, reported to the Legislative Council, made recommendations to Government and ultimately assisted in resolving the problem for people in Spearwood.

So, in similar vein, residents in the affected portions of Kenwick having exhausted all other options to seek change are looking to replicate the good work this committee delivered for Spearwood.

Please contact me if I can offer any assistance, particularly in relation to the earlier inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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