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LABOR MEMBER FOR SOUTH METROPOLITAN REGION

Our Ref: Written Submission, Petition No 012
Date: 10 July 2017
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Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment
and Public Affairs
Parliament House
Harvest Terrace
ERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Swinbourn,

Petition No 012 – Proposed inquiry into City of Melville

I write to provide a submission regarding the above petition which I presented in the Legislative Council on 13 June 2017.

My knowledge of this matter comes largely from information provided by representatives of the petitioners. As such, rather than to attempt to assert a particular set of events as having occurred or necessarily endorse particular points of view, I write this submission with the intention of ensuring that the Committee is aware of concerns and allegations that have been raised with me by constituents in the South Metropolitan Region.

I have been advised that in the opinion of representatives of the petitioners, there is reasonably compelling evidence in the matter the petition concerns that shows that at least one employee in the City of Melville was an investor and shareholder in a company that has been successful in obtaining a lease over prime riverfront land.

I have been advised that the lease over this land appears to be at a “bargain basement” rental well below market rates.

I have been advised that the same employee was involved in the preparation of the report that resulted in the lease site becoming vacant and available for lease in the first place.

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I have been further advised that the same employee owned and operated businesses in co-ownership with a consultant supplying services to the City of Melville.

I am also advised that whilst councillors were informed that the Public Sector Commission had investigated some of the above concerns and advised that there were no issues with the staff member's involvement, no such investigation was ever undertaken by the Public Sector Commission.

These are serious concerns that should be further investigated.

Your attention to these concerns will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pierre Yang', written in a cursive style.

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