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Cc.
Jonathan Throssell, CEO, Shire of Mundaring
Alannah MacTiernan, Minister for Planning
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Dear John,

I'm glad you feel your attendance at our meeting was worthwhile. The audience put yourself and Jonathan under a good deal of pressure and their comments tell me that they appreciated the way you both responded.

I accept your criticisms regarding the stated perception that you have been a supporter of developments such as Stoneville and Parkerville. They were made on the basis of statements made to me from those who seemed well qualified to comment as well as members of the community who had spoken to you on the subject. Your letter to the Mundaring Magazine in November further increased the perception in people's minds that you were indeed a supporter of such developments. This was reflected in the content and tone of the very many letters to the editor in response. I see nothing wrong with the idea of supporting development - my concerns only relate to the nature of the development and its impact on the community and the environment.

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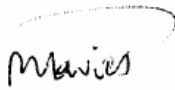
My comments regarding the distribution of Shire Councillors relate to the fact that up until the time Michael Beaton resigned, 50% of the Councillors lived in localities that have already seen more intense urban development than has been experienced "up the hill" (where according to the Shire's recently erected sign, the Perth Hills begin). I understand that in the past this percentage has varied from time to time. The perception that Councillors are 'development driven' is based on the fact that the owners of both Stoneville and Parkerville sites were happy to develop 5 acre blocks. However, as stated in a letter from the CEO of the Perth Diocesan Trust in February 2001 (this can be viewed in the 'Mailbag' section of the 'save perth hills' website), it was the Council's idea to pursue the present style of development. I assume from your comments that this attitude has changed – would that be correct?

I'm sure you're aware that it's not always possible to get things exactly right. For example there seems to be a conflict regarding the information we've been given regarding the Shire's dealings with the developers. At the SPA meeting you attended you stated on more than one occasion that the Shire had received no new information or feedback from the developers. However, I received a letter dated May 23rd from Mark Luzi, the Shire's Manager of Statutory Services, in which he states that "Recently, representatives of the Shire met the developer's town planning consultants to get an update as to what was happening with the townsites....." In the interests of keeping the community informed could you provide us with this updated information?

Finally may I say that your suggestion that we submit our concerns and alternative proposals to Council for consideration, with a view to taking them to the Planning Minister, represents a major step forward in the debate.

Your letter will be posted on our website and a hard copy will be available to all members upon request as is our usual practice. I'd be much obliged if you would circulate this letter to all Councillors.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Davies