

STONEVILLE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

PO BOX 33
STONEVILLE POST OFFICE
STONEVILLE WA 6081

The Combined Swan River and Coastal Plains Native Title Holders and Traditional Owners
c/o Guildford Post Office
WA 6055

16th January 2007

Cc. Minister for Planning
Simon O'Brien, Shadow Minister for Planning
Jaye Radisich MLA
Helen Morton MLC
Donna Faragher MLC
CEO Shire of Mundaring
www.saveperthhills.org

Dear Elders,

Re: proposed Stoneville and Parkerville townsites

Thank you for forwarding us a copy of your letter to the Minister for Planning, the Shire of Mundaring and the Archbishop of Perth requesting full and proper consultation on these developments. I apologise for not replying sooner but I have been away over the Christmas break.

I am aware that when these plans were originally approved the consultation process was seriously flawed and that promises by the Archbishop of Perth to rectify this did not eventuate. This is a disgraceful situation, however, the current Archbishop of Canterbury has stated publicly that he believes the Church should not profit in any way from environmental degradation, and in 2005 the Anglican Consultative Council declared such degradation to be a sin (see enclosed article from the West Australian, July 2nd 2005). I trust therefore that you'll receive better treatment this time.

Our members and many Hills residents have expressed great concern over the environmental impacts of these developments, in particular the issue of black cockatoo habitat and sewage disposal. I have enclosed a letter recently received from the Water Corporation that states their preferred option for treating sewage would be to have a single plant on the Parkerville site that would be able to deal with sewage from all the future townsites proposed in the North Eastern Hills Settlement Pattern Plan. This Plan envisages an increase in local population of 80–100,000 people.

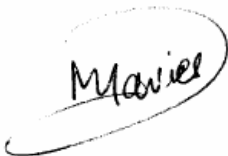
Chairman	Mike Davies	9295 3979
Vice Chairman	Rusty Geller	9295 4481
Secretary	Kristi Turner	9295 5343
Treasurer	Anne Madlener	9578 3330

Since it would be impossible to use such large volumes of treated sewage entirely on Public Open Space and Woodlots on the Parkerville site, it is inevitable that it would be discharged into the creek that traverses the site. This would then enter the John Forrest National Park on the site's western boundary and hence the Swan River system. Therefore the implications of developing the Stoneville and Parkerville townsites will have far reaching consequences in the future for other areas way beyond their boundaries.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the proposals for the expansion of Hanson's Redhill Quarry. As I'm sure you're aware Hanson's are seeking approval to quarry a further 350 acres of bushland. In order to appreciate the impact of such a development we have placed the plans on our website www.saveperthhills.org. We have overlaid them on Google Earth's satellite image of the area so that anyone on Broadband can 'fly over' the site and view the environmental and visual implications of such a proposal. I trust this may be of interest to you.

As the descendants of the original occupants of this land I trust that you receive a fair and honest hearing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Mike Davies