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Dear Ms Block

GIDGEGANNUP DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLA, has asked me to thank you for your letter of 7 March 2008 regarding development at Gidgegannup, and to respond on her behalf.

I understand that the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) has had some discussions with Port Bouvard regarding its development proposals. However, in relation to any proposed rezoning of the Gidgegannup town site, DPI has not received any formal proposals to initiate a Metropolitan Regional Scheme (MRS) amendment. In the event that such an application is received and initiated by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), the normal process for an MRS amendment can take up to 18 months and will involve formal public advertising.

In relation to rural residential development, I understand that the development initially proposed by Port Bouvard will also require amendments to the Gidgegannup rural strategy, and possibly the City of Swan local planning scheme. This process will also require formal initiation of amendments and statutory public consultation processes.

I acknowledge each of the issues that you have raised in relation to development proposals for Gidgegannup and assure you that these issues will be formally considered if, and when, formal applications are lodged.

Yours sincerely

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