

Dear Candidate,

re: **Western Australian State Election 2008**

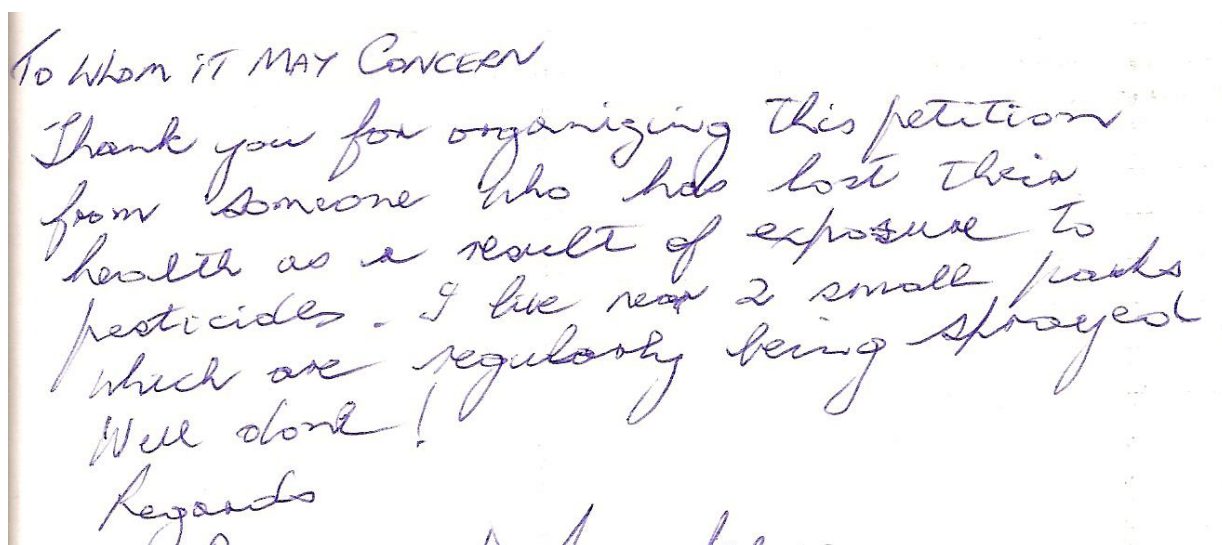
With very little time before our state elections, this brief letter is to remind you that many people are concerned about the Environment, Health and Town Planning issues, as indicated by the increasing number of websites such as : www.saveourtrees.net - promoting laws to protect mature trees in urban areas and to ban the widespread use of herbicides, www.wren.org.au - the Western Region Environment Network that supports local environmental groups and www.speakoutwa.com.au - promoting Town Planning Law Reform to support community aspirations and anti corruption.

Our current planning laws prohibit planning approval appeal rights to third parties and communities who wish to challenge the merit or legality of state and local government Town Planning zoning, subdivision or development approvals. .
Democratic principles demand that unlawful or unmeritorious planning approvals that adversely impact a community should be challengeable by those affected by them and yet controversial Town Planning decisions or practices that affect human and animal health such as the widespread use of herbicides and the destruction of trees and remnant bushland continue to occur.

Our regulatory authorities allow the use of products that both nationally and internationally are believed to have links to cancers and neurological diseases and yet we are regularly asked to donate to medical research into finding cures for these diseases. People who complain to their local or state authorities are simply told that if it's legal, then it's O.K. **This must change!**

The www.saveourtrees.net petition is receiving community support as indicated by the accompanying hand written note below from a western suburbs' resident.
**Please tell the electors where you stand on these issues and support the initiatives outlined on the above –mentioned and similar community based websites.
Please don't forget to show your support for the SpeakoutWA campaign's "Sweet Sixteen" law reforms - WA needs them!**

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To Whom IT MAY CONCERN
Thank you for organizing this petition from someone who has lost their health as a result of exposure to pesticides. I live near 2 small parks which are regularly being sprayed.
Well done!
Regards
A. J. Jones

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