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Honourable Members  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
Perth WA 6000

Dear Members,

**RE: Petition for the Protection of Mature Trees on Public Land in Urban Areas**

Regarding my previous letter of 17 January 2007, addressed to the Chairperson of your Committee, I have not received written confirmation of receipt and still have no explanation as to the whereabouts of the missing pages of petition 34, containing 718 signatures.

In this letter, I would like to remind the Committee of some background information to the Petition and to inform you of some recent developments in the activities of the Western Region Environment Network, the umbrella organization set up to support various community action groups such as Save Our Trees, Mueller Park Action Group, Lake Claremont Precinct Action Group, Keep Sunset Group, Sunset Heritage Association, Friends of Underwood Avenue Bushland and Friends of Shenton Park.

**1. Missing pages, Petition 34**

Hon Giz Watson tabled 735 signatures (more than half of the petition) on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006, however, as confirmed by (Assistant Clerk) only 9 of the additional 718 signatures were tabled at a later date by the other tabling Member. Several attempts have been made to contact the Member`s office for information regarding the missing pages (almost half of the total petition). The Assistant Clerk has also contacted the Member`s office without success.

I understand that the issues raised in the petition go before your Committee notwithstanding any missing pages, however, the community has a right to expect that any petitions handed to Members are treated with due care and serve their intended purpose. For this reason I have attached photocopies of the missing pages.

**2. Meeting proposal**

As also mentioned in the letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> January, the newly formed Western Region Environment Network has been of great assistance to various community action groups including the Save Our Trees supporters of Petition 34.

The Chairperson of WREN, (name removed), myself and other Save Our Tree supporters would like to meet with your Committee before conclusion of your

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investigation to discuss the issues raised. Please contact me on mobile number 0409 291 398, to arrange a suitable time to meet with the appropriate Committee members.

### **3. Attachments**

Further to previous correspondence, please find attached the following documents to assist with your investigations.

- A. WREN letter to The Chancellor, University of Western Australia.  
RE: Underwood Avenue Bushland
- B. National Trust of Australia (WA) Landscape Assessment form  
RE: Underwood Avenue Bushland (ATA Environmental Consultants)
- C. WREN letter, survey and photos to The CEO and Mayor  
RE: poisoning of vegetation by council contractors
- D. Letter to the Editor regarding Cambridge Council tree removal.

### **4. Continued tree removal activities**

It is with a sense of urgency that I, as the promoter of petition 34, on behalf of other concerned members of the community, request that your Committee give serious consideration to the issues raised in petition 34 and place a moratorium on tree removal activities.

Authorities must be made to account for these environmentally destructive activities. As recently as yesterday, Kings Park signage was still showing management of bushland by tree removal. All authorities must be made to account for their ongoing practices.

Yours sincerely,

(signature removed)

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