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15/09/2006  
Hon. Giz Watson, MLC  
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WEST PERTH WA 6005

RE: Petition for the Protection of Mature Trees on Public Land in Urban Areas  
Contains 735 signatures.

Thank you for accepting to present the attached petition to the Legislative Council.  
The Hon. Ray Halligan, MLC has also accepted to assist. The number of signatures attached represents approximately half of the signatories to the petition.

Since the Save Our Trees network of residents began to communicate our concerns about tree removal activities, we have identified that there are valuable resources available beyond the anecdotal evidence in support of the petition.

The following may be of some interest at the outset, however, the network of residents is willing to provide further evidence to the parliamentary committee.

1. Explanatory letter addressed to all Members of the Legislative Council.  
(e-mail, 17/07/06)
2. Some 2006 Post Newspaper and West Australian articles and letters relating to:  
loss of amenity, loss of habitat, loss of heritage, loss of environmental and health benefits, tree removal impacting on real estate values, inadequate community consultation, lack of transparency in deals between governments and developers, and the poisoning of public trees for self interest and environmentally unsound reasons.
3. Mirvac Fini letter from Sales and Marketing Director  
Re: Hollywood development, Smyth Rd. Nedlands.  
“overlooks an expansive park through amazing heritage listed eucalypts”.  
The retention of mature trees has been strongly promoted in their marketing.
4. Battye Library of WA History.  
Microfilm records of local newspaper articles and letters on tree removal and related matters.
5. Records of tree clearing expenditure and activities by local and state authorities and developers of endowment land, to help quantify the loss of trees over a given number of years.
6. The “SMUD-Tree Benefits” and the Australian Greenhouse Office web-sites, as mentioned in the 17/07/06 letter e-mailed to all Members of the Legislative Council, to help determine the significance of tree removal in terms of CO2 sequestration.

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Jones  
Convener: Save Our Trees,  
Promoter: Petition for the Protection of Mature Trees on Public Land in Urban Areas

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