

Hon. Jim McGinty MLA
Minister for Health; Attorney General
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20th November 2006

Pat Cahill
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Dear Honorable Jim McGinty:

In recent years developers have continually come up with proposals to urbanise the Perth Hills. I am seriously concerned about a recent proposal to build a residential development directly across from an egg-laying chook farm. The chook farm has been in the area for over thirty years and does bring benefits to our community. However a chook farm, no matter how hygienic, carries health risks along with it, particularly nowadays with the permanent threat of bird flu. At the moment the many chook sheds, which are situated quite close to the road, have no immediate houses in the near vicinity, except for one. Therefore I am strongly opposed to the current Outline Development Plan # 157, which stipulates that 33 new residential homes will be built directly across the road from the aforementioned chook farm.

I do not feel the current proposed buffer zone between the new houses and the chook farm is sufficient. With all of these new homes in such close proximity to a poultry farm, the hazards are obvious. Chooks carry diseases, have a strong odour which is easily carried by the wind, and any chook establishment periodically has a build-up of chook poo. Dead chooks also have to be disposed of in the vicinity. All of these factors pose a strong health risk to any future residents, particularly children.

This proposed development is Outline Development Plan # 157, involving Lots 1, 55 and 150 on the Toodyay Road and Lot 151 on the Stoneville Road, Gidgegannup.

Could you please give this issue your urgent attention? Submissions on the proposed development close on the 4th of December 2006. Please make inquiries about this proposal to the City of Swan Shire.

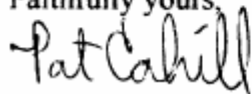
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33 new residential houses at Gidgegannup across from
a chook farm

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I urge you to stop this inappropriate development while it is still in its embryonic stages.

Thank you.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Cahill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Pat Cahill