
Call for Hills special zoning

The Stoneville Progress Association is hoping a steering committee will be formed to manage future planning of the Perth Hills.

The proposal comes as residents are concerned with developments planned for the Hills that include rezoning some rural properties to urban.

The proposal would be shaped around the Hills Zone Plan, which was implemented in the Adelaide Hills in South Australia in 2004, so the area would remain a place of special significance.

The proposal asks that the State Government forms a steering committee to follow a process of research and analysis, together with community consultation and to develop recommendations.

These recommendations include protecting agricultural land, fostering a sense of community and creativity and catering for population growth within the Perth Hills Zone objectives.

The association met with Planning and Infrastructure Minister, Alannah MacTiernan, when she was in Mundaring recently for a regional cabinet meeting.

Association Chairman, Mike Davies, said the Minister expressed interest in their concerns, which were not just about Stoneville and Parkerville.

“Once the bar is lowered and small blocks are accepted, developers will

apply enormous pressure to urbanise the large tracts of land that are available,” he said.

The proposal to create a Perth Hills Zone aims to recognise the Hills as the defining edge of the city, and as a separate, autonomous and deeply significant zone of the Perth Metropolitan Area.

The association is giving people the opportunity to express their views and ideas on the subject.

To read the full version of the proposal, visit www.saveperthhills.org or phone 9295 3979 for an information pack.

Suggestions can be emailed to info@saveperthhills.org or write to Save Perth Hills, PO Box 33, Stoneville, 6081.
