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MS SHARON DAVIES  
Eastern Corridor Action Group  
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Dear Ms Davies

**PARKERVILLE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

I refer to your letter to the Most Revd Dr Peter Carnley, Archbishop of Perth, Primate of Australia, dated 15 June 2001 relating to the proposed development of Lot 69 Roland Road, Parkerville. I have been asked to respond on behalf of The Perth Diocesan Trustees, registered proprietor of the land.

The Perth Diocesan Trustees has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars investigating the development to which you refer (which incidentally was not initiated by it). It is therefore with some disquiet that I note your concerns some 4-5 years since the Aboriginal Heritage Survey referred to in your letter.

I am reliably informed of the following in regard to the survey:

- A total of 34 aboriginal consultants were identified both directly by McDonald Hales and by referrals from other aboriginal consultants;
- All 34 were interviewed with the aid of maps and preliminary development plans.
- Of the 34 consultants, three were members of the Nyungah Circle of Elders.
- Six site inspections were undertaken involving in total 9 consultants. Two persons were interviewed at home for health reasons and the balance was part of the Ballaruk Corporation who met independently on the proposed development.

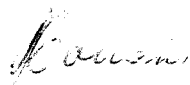
- Significantly, the majority of the archaeological sites within Lot 69 are preserved within Public Open Space and Section 18 approval obtained for those which are to be disturbed.
- The ethnographically significant sites (ie. the two watercourses and adjacent lands) are also protected.

The outcomes/recommendations of the survey relevant to the physical planning of the development have been fully accommodated in the Local Subdivision Infrastructure Plan and, while you may not agree with the methodology used, it was recommended by the Aboriginal Affairs Development of the day.

The process so far would have enabled the group on whose behalf you have written, to raise concerns in the appropriate forums, at the relevant time.

The Perth Diocesan Trustees do not have the luxury of being able to engage consultants on the basis that one group or another does not agree with the methodology or outcomes recommended and it is unreasonable to expect it to do so.

Yours sincerely



ROD COUSINS  
Diocesan Secretary/Manager