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Dear Mr Davies

PROPOSED STONEVILLE AND PARKERVILLE DEVELOPMENTS

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLA, has asked me to thank you for your letter of 6 September 2006 regarding the proposed Stoneville and Parkerville developments and to respond on her behalf.

The State Government adopted the North Eastern Hills Settlement Pattern Plan in 2002 to guide future development in the area. The preferred development option is identified as small townsite development, along with limited rural residential lots around these townsites. Surrounding rural and landscape areas are to be restricted for subdivision and development to ensure that the environmental and landscape values of the hills are protected.

As you may be aware, there are some substantial constraints to townsite development in the hills, in particular the provision of adequate infrastructure services. Urban development proposals for these townsites will not be able to proceed until suitable arrangements can be made to provide these services. In the event that essential infrastructure cannot be reasonably provided, the Western Australian Planning Commission will need to determine whether or not such rezonings should proceed.

It is acknowledged that there is some community opposition to the development of the townsites at Parkerville and Stoneville and some members of the community are calling for special legislation to protect the hills from inappropriate development.

At this stage the State Government is not proposing to introduce any special planning controls, preferring that the established processes under the Metropolitan Region Scheme and local town planning schemes will ensure that development is consistent with sound planning principles and the community's aspirations for the area.

Thank you again for bringing your views to the Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Giles', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ROB GILES
CHIEF OF STAFF