

Principles backed, but not detail

ALMOST without exception, Mundaring councillors speaking against Stoneville Progress Association resolutions this week said they agreed with and supported the spirit of the activists' campaign.

But they also said they could not support some of the detail.

One concern at the Tuesday night meeting of the Development and Services Committee was that the association had neglected to provide detail of legislation protecting the Adelaide Hills, the Swan Valley and the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge.

Another was whether its arguments were supported by most of the 33,000 ratepayers in the shire.

The association said it had sold more than 2300 bumper stickers and its public meetings had attracted almost 200 people, but councillors pointed out this did not demonstrate majority support.

Councillors also wanted assurances the activists were not trying to bind the council to a minimum for residential home sites of 4000sqm.

Committee chairman Cr Colin James said the groups had at last de-

fined the area they wanted protected. It ranged from Muchea to Serpentine over nine local government areas. The activists should work for a united approach from all of the councils, Cr James said.

Association chairman Mike Davies told the committee there was no plan to bind the council to large blocks throughout the shire.

Small blocks could be provided in areas where blocks were already on a smaller scale and close to services.

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