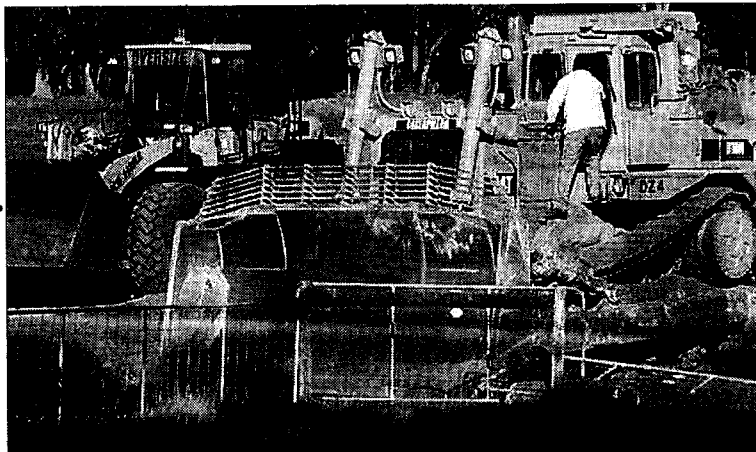


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Earthmoving equipment clearing a roadway through rural land as part of the Stoneville subdivision

SPA want to spike works

IRATE Stoneville Progress Association members have initiated a move that could have far-reaching statewide implications for all real estate developers.

Agitators against proposed urbanised sub-divisions at Stoneville and Parkerville have urged WA Government to introduce legislation that limits the time developers have to start work on their proposals.

Residents in the district want development approvals to lapse if there is no work done in a specified period.

Any such legislation would affect the whole of the state.

The association has called an urgent meeting on Monday night to discuss resolutions they want ward councillors to present to Mundaring council.

If successful the resolutions bind council "by law" to pursue the matters with Planning Minister Alannah MacTiernan to overturn or modify 10-year-old approvals for the urbanised

Parkerville and Stoneville.

Shire president John Beaton agreed that circumstances change if developers delay overlong with their proposals.

"A building application council approves lapses after two years," he said.

"I cannot see why an application for a sub-division should not lapse."

Developments the residents are objecting to were first mooted more than 15 years ago and approved by council 10 years ago.

Perth Anglican Archdiocesan Trust has proposed one development at Stoneville and Diamo Nominees Pty Ltd which the residents believe is directed from Belgium has the other proposal at Parkerville.

The two proposals between them plan to urbanise sections near the two Hills hamlets providing housing for a total of 7300 people on 2600 housing lots covering about 800ha of rural land and bush.