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Urbanisation fight reaches Kalamunda

Kalamunda Shire residents are joining the battle against urbanisation by getting on board the Save Perth Hills campaign.

The campaign was started in Mundaring by the Stoneville Progress Association.

A website was set up last year, when SPA Chairman, Mike Davies, said he wanted residents to be informed about proposed developments considered a threat to the Hills lifestyle in Stoneville and Parkerville.

Mr Davies last week said a number of Kalamunda residents had attended a recent Mundaring council meeting, and that he hoped they would soon form an action group.

He said Eastern Metropolitan Region MLC, Helen Morton, had arranged a meeting with association members and Kalamunda Shire President, Elizabeth Taylor, in August.

A resident of Brae Road in High Wycombe is among those in the Kalamunda Shire who have contacted the association regarding the campaign.

The resident, who did not want to be named, said the Special Rural zoned precinct in which she lived was under threat of being made Urban under the State Government's Kewdale Hazelmere In-

tegrated Masterplan, against the council's wishes.

She said at the same time, residents were fighting the brickworks proposed for Perth Airport land.

"The land [on Brae Road] is supposed to be a wildlife corridor and a buffer between the industrial area on one side of Berkshire Rd and the urban on Maida Vale Rd," the resident said.

"The area was developed into Special Rural about 20 years ago. It should stay that way." Save Perth Hills stickers are now being sold at Kalamunda business, the Gown Gallery, on Haynes Street. Gown Gallery Spokesperson, Julia Stewart, said every car around Kalamunda and Mundaring should have a sticker.

"We don't want to have a sea of rooftops here, we have a different type of lifestyle and we need to protect it," she said.

"It breaks my heart to think there are some people out there who are only interested in bulldozing the area and put houses on it because it makes them a few dollars. People come up here for what we have to offer and if we start destroying it, all that will be left to look at is the gumnut sculpture."

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