CITY OF WANNEROO

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN FUNCTION AREA ON THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 1993

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: H M WATERS, Chairman

A DAMMERS

A M CARSTAIRS, JP

P NOSOW
M GILMORE
F D FREAME
N RUNDLE

North Ward Central Ward

Central Ward

South Ward

South Ward South-West Ward South-West Ward

Town Clerk: City Planner: Committee Clerk: R F COFFEY O G DRESCHER

D VINES

There were 49 Electors and 3 Non-Electors in attendance.

Apologies for absence were tendered by Crs Johnson, Marwick and Major.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.37 pm.

This meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(4) of the Local Government Act, in response to a petition of Electors.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed Amendment No 593 to Town Planning Scheme No 1 - Surplus Land, Mitchell Freeway Reserve.

The Chairman invited any questions from the floor.

Mr Robert Ross, President of the Connolly Residents Association addressed the meeting. He supported his comments with a number of overheads and slides. He identified the area in question and advised that it is currently zoned as Freeway Buffer Zone.

He listed some of the objections raised by the residents as:

- residents who bought in this area had reasonable expectations on the JDC Plan about what the area was going to look like;
- residents developed and designed their properties in accordance with this JDC Plan;
- devaluation of properties;
- loss of privacy;
- . public Open Space ratio being well below the normal provision;

- lack of playing space for children;
- traffic increase.

Cr Nosow entered the Room at this point, the time being 7.44 pm.

Mr Ross then advised that although this land has not been rezoned yet, all the earthworks have been completed without any approvals.

He summarised by reiterating his earlier comments and expressing concern about the possibility of a further reduction in Public Open Space by the urbanisation of this small pocket of land.

Various other comments were made, mostly relating to the fact that residents who purchased land in this area had been assured at the time of purchase that the area would remain bushland and they now felt they had been mislead.

The City Planner advised that the piece of land under discussion was owned by Landcorp and was surplus to freeway requirements therefore an application had been submitted for rezoning to urban. This application is now going through the normal statutory process as laid down by legislation.

The City Planner advised the meeting that at the time of construction, Landcorp had not been given authority. A question was asked as to what action Council would normally take if someone commenced work without an approval.

The City Planner stated that under normal circumstances, if somebody carries out work without approval, the City would negotiate with them initially to rectify the situation and if rectification works were not undertaken, as a last resort, the City would resolve to prosecute.

He advised that reinstatement was difficult when natural bushland had been bulldozed. However, at this stage, the City was still to determine Amendment 593 to Town Planning Scheme No 1 and hence he had not recommended a course of action until Council evaluates the submissions and determines the Amendment. If the Amendment is not to be proceeded with then a request will be placed with Landcorp to reinstate and tidy the area to Council's satisfaction.

Further discussion then ensued.

Mr Ross Albones of Indoorapilly Place, Connolly then moved the following Motion:

MOVED Mr Albones, SECONDED Mr Cooper that Council rejects outright the proposal of Amendment 593 to rezone this parcel of land, on the South Side of Shenton Avenue, to Residential. CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.