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The Secretary
Legislative Council Select Committee on Public Land Development
Parliament of Victoria
Spring Street
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Dear Mr. Willis,

I have become aware of the existence of the Select Committee on Public Land Development through the enclosed advertisement from the Herald Sun of June 8 2007 and the enclosed article from the Phillip Island Advertiser of August 15 2007.

I request that the Committee inquire into the following matters pertaining to the proposed **desalination plant** in the Bass Coast Shire:

- whether the **site** of the project, once purchased by the Government and becoming public land, will subsequently become alienated as a result of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the establishment and or operation of the proposed desalination plant;
- whether the **easement across Crown Land foreshore** and Williamsons beach for the inlet pipe or pipes for the proposal will become alienated as a result of the establishment and or operation of the proposed desalination plant under a PPP ;
- whether the **easement across Crown Land foreshore** and Williamsons beach for the outlet pipe of pipes for the proposal will become alienated as a result of the establishment and or operation of the proposed desalination plant under a PPP;
- whether the **easement for the water supply** pipeline or pipelines to Melbourne and the associated pump stations and the public land they are on will become alienated as a result of the establishment and or operation of the proposed desalination plant under a PPP;
- whether an **easement for a power supply** for the proposed desalination plant will need to be created across areas of forested public land between the Latrobe Valley and the proposed site, and whether the public land in that easement will be alienated as a result of the establishment and or operation of the proposed desalination plant under a PPP.

Yours sincerely,



Maurice Schinkel

enc: Advertisement from HS June 8, Article from Advertiser August 15

Have your say on public land development

An all-party committee of the Victorian Parliament has recently been established to examine the sale and development of public land in Victoria.

The seven member Upper House Committee will inquire into and report on matters relating to:

- the sale or alienation of public land for development;
- the sale or alienation of public open space for the purposes of private development; and
- the sale or alienation of public land for development and the relationship to the Victorian Government's Melbourne 2030 policy and Green Wedges.

"This Inquiry presents an important opportunity for the Victorian public to have their say on the future of public open space in cities and towns," said the Committee's Liberal Chair, Mr David Davis.

"As we become increasingly aware of our environment and surrounds, local communities demand to have a say in the

management of public land sites.

"The scrutiny of how governments dispose of public land in Victoria is timely."

The committee is inviting written submissions from any persons and organisations who wish to express views on any aspects of this reference.

Mr Davis says the Committee will receive written submissions over the next three months and anticipates a wide range of views from throughout the State.

Anyone making a written submission who wishes to give evidence in a public hearing should indicate so in their submission.

Public hearings will be held throughout the course of the Inquiry separate to, but complementing the written submission process.

Committee chair David Davis has indicated the inquiry will take a broad approach to investigating public land development.

"We will look at the sale or alienation of land in built-up urban areas, in the rapidly growing outer metropolitan areas, and throughout rural and regional Victoria," said Mr Davis.

Written submissions will close on Friday, September 28, 2007. Further public consultation will occur later this year and early next year in a series of public hearings.

A copy of the full terms of reference, guidelines for written submissions and other information can be obtained from the committee's secretary, Mr Richard Willis, on (03) 9651 8696 or from Parliament's website www.parliament.vic.gov.au/council/publicland/



SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT

CALL FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament has recently established a 7 Member all-party Select Committee to inquire into the sale and development of public land and open space in Victoria.

In particular, the Committee will inquire into:

- the sale or alienation of public land for development;
- the sale or alienation of public open space for the purposes of private development; and
- the sale or alienation of public land for development and the relationship to the Victorian Government's Melbourne 2030 policy and Green Wedges.

The Committee will present its final report to the Legislative Council no later than 30 June 2008.

The Committee is inviting written submissions from any persons and organisations who wish to express views on any aspects of this reference. Anyone making a written submission who wishes to give evidence in a public hearing should indicate so in their submission. All submissions are treated as public documents unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

Further information can be obtained from the Committee's Secretary, Mr Richard Willis, on (03) 9651 8696 or from Parliament's website www.parliament.vic.gov.au/council/publicland/

Submissions should be sent to the address below by **Friday, 28 September 2007.**

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