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The Secretary
Legislative Council Select Committee on Public Land Development
Parliament of Victoria
Spring Street
Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Mr. Willis,

This enquiry comes at a very opportune time for me. Last May I discovered by accident that my property (as my husband is now deceased) has been "legislated" into the Green Wedge. There are several features mentioned in the general reasons for the lock down, but none of that criteria applies to my 20 acres. I have lived here for 43 years and expected that development would reach us at some stage and when needed it would fund my retirement.

Well it is very close now. There are houses .85 kilometre to the east and the vacant land in between which meets the only access road I have is ear marked for development also. Add to that the access road meets Craigieburn Road West where there are hundreds of acres of now cropped land with a sign indicating that it will be Greenvale Lakes...more development. But there is more. Behind my property about 1 kilometre north there are streets also with various size blocks. I am surrounded on three sides with development or future development.

I do not understand how the Government can even consider developing Public Land. Doesn't Public mean just that - Public ?

What criteria will you use to determine if Public land is no longer needed ?

Why should Public land be developed ahead of private ?

My very future depends on the answers to these questions. While it was our choice to live rural, we have paid very dearly both financially and personally to support ourselves without normal services such as water, sewerage, gas, made roads and much more. So I believe I am entitled to have a choice in the way and the time I wish to sell.

Thanking You

Mrs. Elva Mattock

