



North Lake Residents

Audio Recording

Addendum to North Lake Residents Submission

**Inquiry into the decision to commit funding to the
Perth Freight Link project**

Proposed Roe Highway Extension Road Reserve through North & Bibra Lakes



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RE: Inquiry into the decision to commit funding to the Perth Freight Link project: *Audio Recording*, addendum to North Lake Residents Submission - Roe Highway Stage 8.

Dear Mr. Watling,

Please find attached an audio recording of a meeting in early July 2009 on the process of consultation for the proposed Roe highway Stage 8, with combined community groups and AECOM (consultants for Main Roads) Mr. David Azzan Director of Planning, and Jamie Shaw Environmental Officer.

Permission was given from all who attended the meeting to record this session, the recording has not been edited and runs for approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes.

To date the recording has not been sent to anyone as no members who attended the meeting have requested a copy. My recollection was that one of the consultants said that he wanted a copy, I have checked through my sent emails, but have not found one that reflects that a copy had been sent. Since the meeting, no request from AECOM for a copy has been received.

This recording is important to the committee as it highlights key points mentioned in our submission. It also shows that AECOM considered South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council, (SWALSC), as the traditional indigenous owners of North Lake and Bibra Lake.

The recording has been uploaded as an unlisted YouTube link as the audio file is too big to email, I have also sent you a WeTransfer email that will allow you to download the audio file and distribute to the committee members via the same WeTransfer email link, this would make it easier for play back on their computers. Here is the YouTube link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NE2YJD_QmQ

Also in attendance was a journalist for the Cockburn City Herald who reported on the meeting. Although the meeting runs for over an hour, it highlights the concerns of the community and, how AECOM's given mandate from the W.A Government was to consult on the design of Roe Highway Stage 8 to be built, regardless of how important the environmental, social and indigenous heritage significance is.

No option for the "No Roe Highway" or alternatives outside the area were part of the governments terms of reference, hence Mr. David Azzan comment that AECOM is not payed to come up with a NO Roe Highway option.

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Roe will damage wetlands, consultants concede

by **BRENDAN FOSTER**

THE Barnett government's hand-picked team of consultants drawing up plans for the Roe Highway extension through Bibra Lake have acknowledged the six-lane highway will damage the sensitive Beelihar wetlands.

"There would be impacts, I'm not going to deny that," AECOM environment officer Jamie Shaw told residents at a North Lake Association meeting on Wednesday.

NLA convenor Joe Branco, a long-time opponent, asked Mr Shaw to give premier Colin Barnett a message: "You tell the premier, who hasn't had the guts to meet with us, that we will fight this to the very end. Because a road through this area will destroy the wetlands and there will be nothing left."

Another long-time anti-roads campaigner, Rex Sallur, said the government had been "very arrogant".

"They are saying 'here is your road' because you voted for us," Mr Sallur said.

"Perth has the chance to save a fantastic native area, which will be ruined

by a major highway - but I'll be hanging off the bulldozers trying to stop them."

As well as engaging AECOM the Barnett government has set up a project team called South Metro Connect, while Main Roads has lodged paperwork with federal environment minister Peter Garrett to try and clear hurdles.

"At the last election, communities across the south metropolitan area voiced their support for this project," WA transport minister Simon O'Brien said.

"We are working towards delivering what communities have clearly said they want."

Yours faithfully

Joe Branco