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From: cathy.edwards [mailto:]

Sent: Friday, 18 March 2011 1:15 PM

To:

Subject: Re Proposed Northam Detention Centre

Dear Ministers,

I am writting to you to express our concerns re the proposed detention centre that is to be build 200 metres from our home.

In the light of events on Christmas Island you can understand that our concerns re security are valid, I have approached several of you previously regarding this to only be reassured that breakouts/fires do not occur, this is obviously NOT the case.You are deliberately and knowingly placing you taxpaying citizens in physical danger.

We have had a couple of meeting with members of the Immigration Department regarding the planning of this centre only to be treated with the utmost contempt, not only will we have the Security/fire risk we are expected to suffer the noise and light pollution from the site, the structural risk to our home from the rock breaking/blasting during construction.

Now as the final insult we have been informed that the sewage treatment plant will be 200 metres from our back door.

When is someone going to accept that this site is not suitable for the following reasons and stop throwing our tax dollars away on a site that is not suitable

- security/fire risk to surrounding homes
- security risk to Perth metro area, only 30 minutes to Midland
- large rock outcrops that will require breaking before building can commence
- inability to provide/lay fibre optic cable/ electricity due to rock
- heritage areas on site
- risk to Kalgoorlie water pipeline due to heavy machinery
- environmental risks to wildlife (however there are no go protection areas for the cockatoos but not for the people)
- health risks from sewage plant close to homes and natural water courses

We do not want to live next to this, you have totally devalued our home, a home that we love and have built up over the last 12 years. A home that was purchased with a Defence force loan, this is how you treat your ex servicemen.

If you are so unwilling to accept that this site is not suitable, please allow us to move to somewhere safer, BUY us out provide us with the compensation required to re build our lives away for the mental/physical

stress that your decisions have caused

We have requested this at many of the meetings with immigration officials however they just pass the buck "they cannot make that offer" so I am asking you who can, and can they please have the decency to contact us This is our Castle and we are willing to fight for our rights, we realise we are taking on a David & Goliath fight, but what other hope do we have If no-one will address our concerns we have no other option.

Regards

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