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Update from your local Member of Parliament regarding the QEII-UWA Precinct

Hello, thank you to those who have reached out to me regarding the article in the POST about the UWA-QEII precinct.

I want to be clear, the **only** decision being considered at this time is whether the future planning process for this precinct will be State-led or local government-led. *There are no proposals for land acquisition as part of this process.* A future planning framework is required to be established for this precinct, regardless of the body leading its preparation.

While the majority of the precinct area is within the City of Perth, it's important to understand the precinct straddles three council boundaries – the City of Subiaco, Perth and Nedlands. There is also a diverse range of stakeholders including the UWA, QEII, Ronald McDonald House, university accommodation, local business, and of course residents and community members.

What is therefore important is that the plan is holistic and ensures the precinct is well planned for all its services and those who live and work in this precinct.

The State Government has been assisting the local governments to prepare a precinct plan since 2019, with the local governments already completing preliminary consultation with the local community on the precinct boundary. The outcomes of this consultation are publicly available on the City of Perth website (engage.perth.wa.gov.au).

Local councils have been advised and provided with an opportunity to comment on the draft Improvement Plan. I am aware that the City of Perth (which covers the majority of the precinct) has advised they will provide comments within the timeframe. Further, councils and potentially affected parties have the ability to seek a deputation at the WAPC meeting.

This is not the end of consultation – as appropriate and comprehensive consultation will be undertaken with key stakeholders and the community, regardless of who the process is led by. Indeed, as your local Member, I will be working to ensure this happens!

Should the State Government take on the responsibility for planning this precinct, the next step would involve detailed planning over a period of roughly 12-24 months, which would include consultation with the relevant local governments, state agencies, precinct stakeholders and the community.

I will note that this issue is completely separate to the City of Nedlands' proposal for the creation of a heritage area adjacent to the precinct – this is also the subject of current community consultation.

Once the WAPC have made a decision on where planning leadership lies for this precinct, I will be in touch with relevant stakeholders to advise next steps.



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