



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SAFFIOTI SUPPORTS CALLS FOR SAND BUND SOLUTION

Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti said she supports local resident's calls for the removal of the Ballajura sand bund.

"I think it's time the City of Swan acknowledged their mistake and move to rectify the problems immediately," she said.

Ms Saffioti said she is continually approached by residents who raise the community safety concerns of the sand bund and also the dreadful state of the sand bund.

"Two weeks ago I met with a Ballajura resident who complained about the fact that his front windows now looks out over this ugly sand bund," Ms Saffioti said.

"Many homes now overlook this sand bund, which is a complete eyesore.

"All these issues that residents are now facing were highlighted by myself and Councillor McNamara back in 2009, yet our calls for the sand bund to be removed and replaced with a more appropriate noise barrier were ignored by the City of Swan."

Ms Saffioti highlighted the fact that even the consultation process administered by the City of Swan in 2009 clearly showed residents are not in favour of the sand bund.

"In July 2009 the City of Swan described that the sand bund would have a narrow, rounded top and will be vegetated to prevent people from climbing onto the sand bund," Ms Saffioti said.

"Nearly two years has past and this has still not occurred.

"Everyone understands a noise barrier is required, but it is obvious the sand bund has caused more problems than anything.

"Appropriate consultation of all residents should be undertaken to determine what noise barrier should replace the sand bund.

"The sand bund simply cannot continue in its current form."

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