



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SURVEY RESULTS INDICATE A UNITED VOICE AGAINST THE SAND BUND

Results of a community survey seeking resident's views on the controversial sand bund on Hepburn Avenue clearly indicate that the community do not want the sand bund to continue in its current form.

Last month West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti and City of Swan Councillors Maria Haynes and John McNamara handed out a survey to residents who are directly affected by the sand bund.

To date, the survey has had a 34 per cent response rate with 100 per cent of the respondents voting to either remove the sand bund or retain it and have sufficient vegetation planted.

- 64 per cent supported the removal of the sand bund;
- 36 per cent wanted to keep the sand bund and have sufficient vegetation planted.

Ms Saffioti said the public attention and the overwhelming results of the survey have provided the City of Swan with a clear objective to rectify the problems immediately.

"Landscaping works are underway and I hope this will improve the sand bund by preventing people from climbing onto it and also improve the visual appearance of the bund," she said.

"I believe this is going to be an ongoing issue which the City of Swan will need to regularly review.

"I believe the ongoing costs associated with maintaining the sand bund in the future far outweighs the costs of a more permanent and appropriate noise wall that is visually attractive and what Ballajura deserves."

Ms Saffioti said after nearly two years she was relieved the City of Swan were now beginning to conduct landscaping work on the sand bund.

"Not only has the sand bund created community safety problems, it is also an eyesore," she said.

"It is not known if the works will alleviate the community safety problems but there have been suggestions that it will improve the current situation."

Ms Saffioti said she was pleased with the response to the survey and thanked all residents for providing her with their views and opinions.

"I will continue to monitor all issues relating to the sand bund to ensure it does not continue to have a negative impact on Ballajura," she said.

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