From:

Date: 20 July 2021 at 6:30:56 pm AWST

To: Mayor Philip Angers Subject: Vera Street Parking

Dear Mayor

I am the owner of 4 Vera Street Cottesloe

I have just been advised that there is a proposal that is at the stage of recommended action to impose parking restrictions on the road in front of our house

As a preliminary but very important point, I note that we have not been consulted by the council in respect of this proposal I find this surprising and more than a little alarming given the impact it will have on our amenity My wife was notified by the Council in its executive capacity

I note in the council agenda item other residents were consulted. For the residents directly affected not to be consulted but other residents to views to be taken into account also alarms me.

In respect of the substantive issue, it seems to me that the proper solution to any traffic concerns is for the highway to be closed to right turns at Vera Street Sitting on Stirling Highway waiting to turn into Vera may be dangerous. It is not what is going on on Vera that is dangerous. The proposal refers to a rear end accident that occurred in this way. This clearly illustrates my point. If Main Roads or others raised a concern as to the impact of not turning off Stirling Highway, the appropriate turning points are Napier Street, Forrest Street (primarily a commercial street with 2 lanes) and Station Street. When you include Napolean Street you have ample turn offs and much improved traffic safety as compared to the band aid approach proposed. I do not understand the reference in the council papers to Stirling Highway being too narrow. This must be an issue that is solved on a regular basis. More effort is needed

The proposal mentions the Stirling Highway option but puts it in the too hard basket saying words to the effect that as the council don't control the Main Roads department they should impose a solution they do control, the parking restrictions It is at this point that I would expect councillors to hold their staff up and ask for more than that and I ask you to please do this

The proposal needs proper consultation and consideration. It will impact the amenity of our living for a sub-optimal traffic result. I expect better than this from the Council

I am working in the Pilbara next Tuesday 27 July when the proposal is before the Council As you can tell from my email this is an issue that myself and my family feel very strongly about and I would like to address the council on the issue Could I please request that the item be postponed so that I can talk to the issue I do not think a proper process could be seen to have been followed if I am not allowed to address the council

Please feel free to call me on if you want to discuss

Yours sincerely