

The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

30th November 2015

Dear Prime Minister,

I'm writing this letter asking that you please help stop the Desecration of Our beautiful unique Beelier Wetlands and cultural heritage from the Roe Hwy extension, ROE 8, which the Western Australian Government is determined to build against the wishes of the Noongar community. Please Mr Turnbull, I ask you kindly to intervene.

I'm a local Noongar Women, a custodian of the Whadjuk Noongar people and direct descendant of the Beelier Noongar tribe. I'm unsure if you have been educated with what the beauty of this land holds and the cultural significance it maintains, not only to me, but my Elders and my Ancestors. As it weakens my heart to know that you as Prime Minister of Our Country has provided the West Australian Liberal Government the financial capability that is needed to ensure this project "goes ahead".

Beelier Wetlands plays a significant role in the creation of "our" Dreaming and Mythological stories, in particular the story of "Our Wargle" otherwise known as Our Rainbow Serpent. It plays an important spiritual role in maintaining the health of these local waterways.

Its historical importance as a major meeting place is attested by numerous archaeological deposits in the area, one of which includes chert, which does indicate very lengthy site occupation indeed, given that chert sources on the Perth coastal plains were submerged 6000 years ago. Registered sites which were previously enlisted and documented for national record according to the Aboriginal Heritage Act., have now "all of a sudden" been deregistered, and taken off The Department of Aboriginal Affairs, registered sites registry.

I believe if you took a short time to read the documented historical recorded factual information, which is readily available. You will start to question the process and the manipulating, disrespect and lack of cultural respect to the custodians and direct descendents of the Beelier Whadjuk Noongars, the actions our West Australian Government took in ensuring this project gets the necessary Federal funding and approvals it requires to complete Roe 8.

I can ONLY hope and pray that you take into consideration the destruction this project will entail, after reading the reports provided by public record and your department. That you ensure that you don't lose your integrity, values and morals as an Australian, and "rethink the link", and protect this area from Roe8 for our people.

The loss of our endangered native wildlife inhabitants and the natural beauty of our local bushland and cultural significance to the Beelier Wetlands Lake Coolbellup (known today as North Lake) and Lake Walliabup (known today as Bibra Lake) will be unreplaceable and NO amount of money can change that.

Therefore I ask you to please consider all aspects of other "feasible" options that have also be suggested and researched which have encompassed all significant factors that I have just expressed and addressed. Please consider my letter, "A Letter of Importance" to preserve the natural beauty and cultural significance this place holds.

To allow our future generations to maintain, continue cultural customs and protocols in this area. Our cultural values and connection to country are very important from an Aboriginal perspective just as important as Churches, historical places, war memorials and any place that holds great significance are to Non Indigenous people, from a Non Indigenous perspective. Please our children's future is in your hands, Mr Turnbull.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself if you wish to discuss and hopefully the opportunity to meet, as I can provide you with all information to show you the area, also here is a link to my speech about this area.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sRk18MxVjQ&feature=youtu.be>

Yours Sincerely

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