

SUBMISSION ON the Decision to commit funding to the Perth Freight Link project

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

I expect leadership and vision from our government and public service.

In terms of planning this means our leaders need to take a comprehensive overview and plan for the infrastructure future having regard to all the various local issues and potential impacts, on the basis of wide community consultation.

Whatever our view of the Perth Freight Link (PFL), there has been no vision, no planning, no consultation, and no resolved comprehensive planning outcome.

In May 2005, the WA state government published a draft “Statement of Planning Policy: Metropolitan Freight Network”, prepared under section 5AA of the *Town Planning and Development Act 1928* (WA). State Planning Policies are the highest order planning policies in WA. This draft SPP has not been progressed that I can discover. We have no comprehensive plan for moving freight around Perth – surely this is the role of government before spending money on bits in an *ad hoc* fashion. Surely such a plan should be in place and reflect a vision for this very important infrastructure need? The PFL should not be implemented – if at all – until a comprehensive Perth wide plan is in place.

The Roe 8 Documents refer to it being a critical link in the “Perth Urban Transport Corridor”. What is the “Perth Urban Transport Corridor”? Where is it identified? What plan is it in?

A good start for broad range planning is the Position Paper prepared for the City of Fremantle by Peter Newman and Cole Hendrigan of Curtin University Sustainability Policy (CUSP) Institute between April and June of 2015. This report identifies the need to, *Find opportunities and infrastructure alternatives for improving links to the Port across the river and through North Fremantle*. The absence of a State Planning Policy has enormous potential adverse consequences for the residential and tourism amenity of North Fremantle, Cottesloe and Swanbourne, and the wider Perth community.