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Subject

Re proposed Northam Detention Centre: High Fire Risk
Protective Mark

Dear Sirs and Madams,
Once again I am contacting you to voice our opinion re lack of concern on your part re our safety, not only personal, but also that of our property.

Work commenced on the detention centre on Friday 01/04/11 with the clearing of an area of ground.

Two fires were lit by sparks caused by the machinery scrapping over the rocks

No fire tender on site

It was just fortunate that the wind conditions did not encourage the fire into the scrub, on that day.

We have raised our concerns re the high fire risk in the area on every occasion and have been ignored or treated with contempt with the pathetic attempts given to providing substandard fire breaks.

It only took one spark from a grinder to set the recent fire in the Armadale area, where several homes were lost and one power pole spark to set fire to Toodyay 12 months ago.

Please be reminded again that we are in a high risk fire area, the surrounding scrub has not been fire breaked or back burned in over 15 years if ever, the amount of fuel on the ground is enormous and the whole area is in drought so all the fuel is tinder dry

What will it take before someone will listen to those who live in this area before there is a major incident and lives are lost.
Please give this matter your utmost urgent attention

We no longer have any faith in any level of Government , Local, State or Federal as we feel that the safety of Australian tax payers is secondary to those who

enter this country illegally, and most definitely secondary to the financial gains to be made by some in the building of this facility in Northam

So far nothing has been done by any level of government to allay these

feelings

Looking forward to your replies
regards

John & Cathy Edwards

