

or attention:- Sustainability Policy Unit.

Please accept this email as public comment from myself on the above draft.

1.) The draft notes the current expansion of the suburban passenger rail system, to Clarkson and Mandurah, as a doubling of the overall existing system. However, all of this expansion is due for completion late in 2007. The draft does not specifically include for any further forward planning for rail development beyond this. The final strategy should include provision for investigation of new rail routes into the future, to at least ten and twenty year horizons, including planning for the installation of light rail services through existing suburbs and far beyond.

2.) Whilst it may be sustainably desirable to limit urban sprawl, it is nonetheless a fact that in this city a large section of the growing population will always seek to live close to the coast, and there are developers who will always be happy to cash in on this desire. It is not likely that any Government would dare to halt this expansion along the narrow coastal strip to the north and South of the city, which will quite conceivably eventually link to Bunbury and beyond Cervantes. If this is inevitable, then land use planning must include for provision of long range public transport corridors based on expansion of the electrified heavy rail system.

With my thanks for this opportunity to comment.

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