

Writing your own letter

Writing letters is an important lobbying tool.

It is about expressing what is important to you and your community.

It is in the interests of politicians to pay attention to the views of their Constituents.

Your letter will be read and by law, must be replied to.

Writing your own letter as opposed to a *pro-forma* will have added impact and may be taken more seriously.

If you have the time and are feeling confident why not give it a go!

Don't forget that the most important thing is to speak from your heart and have an 'ask' from that person/government.

Here are some points you may want to include when writing to WA's Premier or your local Member of Parliament about the Great Western Woodlands;

- Thank the government for recognising the Great Western Woodlands' exceptional environmental importance and for their commitment to the creation of a biodiversity conservation strategy.
- Let them know that this strategy not in itself provide long term secure recognition and protection for this area.
- The Great Western Woodlands needs far more than just this strategy in order to secure its future and provide certainty for the world class management, planning and economic outcomes it deserves.
- Ask that the government continues to work with Traditional Owners, mining companies, landholders, scientists and conservation groups.
- The Great Western Woodlands needs *secure long term protection, management and recognition*.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact us for any additional information.

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