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Dear Neil

### **RAINBOW 2000 & ALBANY 2001 RE-ENACTMENT**

I refer to your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2000 and your more recent facsimile's requesting comment on your proposed initiatives. You have previously met with the Commissioner's appointed to oversee the creation of the City of Albany and provided them with a briefing on the Rainbow 2000 initiatives; at that time, Council decided that it would take no further action to incorporate your initiatives into the City's planning processes.

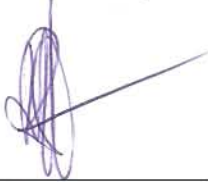
Over the previous 12 months, the City of Albany has embarked upon the first major initiative to develop a district planning strategy and to create a new district-wide Town Planning Scheme. An opportunity was provided for you to meet with the planning consultant engaged to undertake that work on behalf of the City of Albany; as a result, the Rainbow 2000 concept is being treated as a formal submission during the informative stages of those planning processes.

A meeting of the Local Planning Strategy Steering Committee is to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2001 and the Committee has incorporated into its agenda the opportunity to debate Rainbow 2000 (including the Albany Seaport Relocation Concept, the Albany International Airport Concept, etc.) prior to formally debating or discussing the draft of the Albany Local Planning Strategy prepared by ERM Australia. Minutes from that meeting will be forwarded to Council for consideration and it is at that point that a formal Council position on Rainbow 2000 will be taken.

In the meantime, the City of Albany would have no objection to you undertaking (at your cost) a referendum through the Great Southern region to gauge public reaction to your plan. However, that referendum would clearly need to indicate that Rainbow 2000 is an initiative of Smithson Planning and not the City of Albany or the Government of Western Australia. In due course, the City of Albany will be advertising and putting out for public exhibition its own Local Planning Strategy, which may or may not incorporate components of Rainbow 2000, and it is important that the public be aware of the origin and status of the consultation processes and the relevant documents.

I trust this information provides you with an update of the status of Rainbow 2000 within the City's current planning process. I will again contact you once the minutes of the Albany Local Planning Strategy Steering Committee have been considered by Council.

Yours faithfully



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