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City of Subiaco residents say no to City of Perth Act

More than sixty five per cent of respondents in areas affected by the proposed City of Perth Act want to remain part of the City of Subiaco, a recent survey found. The proposed legislation will see an expansion of the City of Perth boundaries to include areas currently governed by the City of Subiaco.

Under the proposed changes, the area south of Aberdare Road, which includes more than 1300 properties, will be affected, impacting residents that have long been a part of the Subiaco community.

City of Subiaco Chief Executive Ian Hill said that the survey results endorse the community's overwhelming desire to remain part of the City of Subiaco. The city is requesting that the Act be modified to allow Subiaco to retain the residential areas south of Aberdare Road.

"The data from the survey clearly indicates that the City of Subiaco is the local government that residents want to remain in. Every member of the community is important, and the overwhelming support of residents reaffirms the city's position on having the City of Perth Act amended."

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson is writing to the Minister, Tony Simpson, regarding the survey results and has urged all members of Parliament to closely scrutinise the legislation.

"The legislation was announced without any consultation with the community and without any intention to seek feedback from the affected residents or, indeed, the opportunity to have a poll," Mayor Henderson said.

"The voice of the community is loud and the bottom line is that the proposed changes do not represent the best interests of residents. We are committed to remaining a separate and sustainable council, and will continue to advocate for the voice of the community to protect the City of Subiaco."

For more information visit the city's website www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Notes to the Editor

- The survey was conducted between 22 and 31 May, with an 87 per cent response rate from respondents.
- The city engaged Catalyse to undertake the random telephone survey, which surveyed residents in affected areas south of Aberdare Road.
- If the City of Perth Act legislation is passed by both houses of parliament, it is intended to come into effect from Wednesday 1 July 2016.
- The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes the suburbs of Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities, to more than 19 000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco.