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What are our beliefs ..

We see ourselves as the public defenders of traditional Common Law Rights. We believe in the presumption of innocence, the right to a fair trial and genuine freedom of speech.

Our primary focus is defending the right to own, use and enjoy property for its intended purpose, or the purpose for which it was zoned when you purchased it without undue interference by the State.

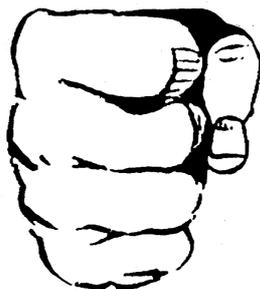
United we stand — Divided we fail

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MEMBERS—

**PLEASE NOTIFY US OF
YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**



**STOP THE
LAND GRAB**

Wetlands Policy

A Backdown or not?

If you reckon the backdown by the Government on its Wetland Policy was a win for democracy, natural justice and common sense – you're right but don't pop the corks just yet!

Insiders tell us that this embarrassing about face was forced on Minister McGowan by research undertaken at Murdoch Uni warning of the likely loss of three Labor - Green seats in the South West over the Wetland and Region Scheme Issues. While everyone including the drover's dog claimed the accolades, we suggest a very public campaign undertaken by the GRAB Group in Bunbury was the driving force behind Labor's retreat. Very visible roadside signs and adverse publicity against individual politicians were marvellously effective. There is a lesson in that for all of us. They don't like frontal criticism, especially when it might cost them Power and Glory.

However, hubris is premature. Members of the Gingin Property Group are reporting that the backdown is in large measure, a furphy. When Development Applications are made by individuals, for example in an application for the renewal of a water licence, a nasty little surprise package subsequently arrives from the DoE. It is only then that individuals realise how misleading the wetlands backdown is.

The 'Wetland Atlas' is still the yardstick on the Swan Coastal Plain and its impact on many rural and semi rural landowners, is draconian. Of greatest concern is the issue of "buffer zones" surrounding so called, wetland areas. A wetland is defined as any area that may occasionally hold surface water. The scientific method underlying both definition and identification of such usually ephemeral features is as sloppy as a REAL winter bog.

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Wetlands Policy - A Backdown or not? (contd)



**QUESTION EVERYTHING!
ASK, ON WHAT BASIS OR
EVIDENCE IS A DECISION
BEING MADE ?**

Surrounding areas, defined as buffers, are often 200 meters wide and frequently comprise large portions of quality summer pasture. Many buffers coalesce or overlap with others. We have copies of letters addressed to some landowners, requiring them to fence these areas from stock, thus effectively quarantining the best pastures. They are advised that not to do so would cause 'environmental harm' under the EPA Act (1989) and fines of over \$500,000 apply for non-compliance. Gingin farmers will remember the solemn assurances that this would not occur, given by Kim Chance, Minister for Agriculture, at a public meeting last year.

Clearly, despite obfuscation by pliable Pollies, the intention of Green zealots now comfortably entrenched within the bureaucracy, is to initiate a raft of 'protective strategies' in buffer zones once a DA is made. The loss of buffer areas on these properties, many of which have been farmed for over a century, would represent a serious loss of income. In some instances farms would be rendered unviable. No mention is made of compensation for loss of income and asset base.

We would appreciate hearing from any members who have or who know of neighbours having received such demands.

Future Issues to focus on "Where Political Parties Fail":

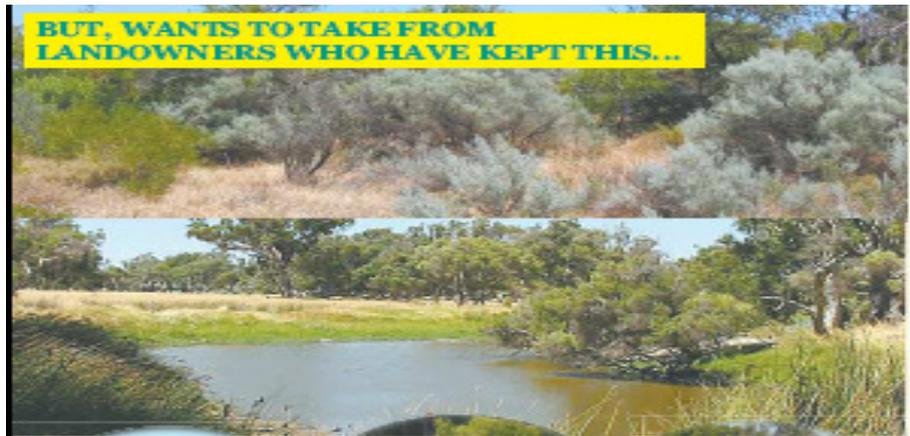
- Property Rights and Prosperity
- Individuals and the Common Good
- Fertilizer and Herbicide Bans
- Affordability and Government Policy
- Clearing Bans and Water Rights.
- The Heritage Act and Property Rights
- Biodiversity and Conservation Reserves
- Compensation 'ON JUST TERMS'

BE WARNED !

**ALL PROPERTIES
WITH REMNANT
VEGETATION
THROUGHOUT THE
STATE OF WA
ARE UNDER
ATTACK**

**YOUR PROPERTY IS
UNDER THREAT
FROM
RESUMPTION,
REZONING,
OR
QUARANTINING**

**BUT, WANTS TO TAKE FROM
LANDOWNERS WHO HAVE KEPT THIS...**



Political Gongs & Bouquets

Gongs

Environment Minister's proposal to ban 'soluble fertilizers'. Most of us were under the impression that fertilisers had to of necessity 'soluble'. Where's the science Minister ?

Planning Minister and Minister for Southwest's proposal to develop Public Open Space foreshore in Busselton, whilst proposing to confiscate private land to the north from landowners who have been good custodians under the pretence of a need for Public Open Space - "Double Standards"

Bouquets

Environment Minister for backing down in part to Swan Coastal Wetlands Policy implementation. Now the "Buffer Zone" policy— Minister ! No backdoor implementation.

Other Supporting Organisations

Australian Environment Foundation (AEF)

www.aefweb.info

Newly formed organization of users of the environment seeking a balanced, evidence based approach to environmental issues . Chaired by Don Burke (of Burke's Backyard)

AEF recommends viewing of the new **anti-activist** documentary film, 'Mine Your Own Business'. .

The documentary cuts to the heart of the development question of the 21st century - who chooses what a developing nation can do with their own resources. While the documentary is about mining in Romania, Madagascar and Chile, it has so much relevance to anti-forestry and anti-fishery campaigns in Australia.

It's clearly time we re-thought what it means to be an environmentalist and put people back into the picture!

There will be a special screening of the documentary in Perth on 23rd November at Cinema Paradiso, Northbridge.

Survival Kit — What Action to Take?

- Get Information.
- Ask questions— What evidence is the proposal based on?
- Organise with your Allies.
- Join WAPRA.
- Join other groups, PGA, AEF, PRA.
- Make noise.
- Turn up the heat and make the issue a political and public relations headache for the powers that be.
- Start petitions.
- Organise rallies.
- Write and place letters to the editor.
- Place Newspaper Ads.
- Issue Press Releases and work with the Media.
- Lobby for new legislation
- Contact your Political Representatives.
- Consult a Lawyer.

JOIN WAPRA !

**"IT IS ESSENTIAL WE
MAINTAIN A FIGHTING
FUND TO EXPOSE THE
DISCRIMINATORY LOSS
OF PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

**BECOME A
FINANCIAL MEMBER !**

**ARE GOVERNMENT
REGULATIONS
THREATENING THE
OWNERSHIP, USE,
AND ENJOYMENT
OF YOUR
PROPERTY ?**

JOIN WAPRA !



**"IF THEY DO IT TO A FEW
THEN THEY CAN DO IT
TO YOU"**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME:

ADDRESS:
.....Postcode.....

PHONE NO.Mobile.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:

FAX NO:

Yes, I would like to be part of the W.A Property Rights Association (WAPRA) Inc.

Please find enclosed my \$50.00 Membership Fee.

I have also enclosed a donation of \$..... As requested below
SIGNED..... DATED.....

Our objective is the protection of the rights of all Property Owners.
We would be grateful for any donation you can make towards our Fighting Fund to publicise and have corrected the increasing injustice to property owners.

WE ARE A VOLUNTARY / NON-PROFIT ORGNISATION
AND NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP

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