



Department of **Planning,**
Lands and Heritage

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Dear Ms Livingston

WITTENOOM MEMORIAL

I am writing in relation to your email of 25 November 2024 to the Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Lands, regarding a possible permanent memorial for Wittenoom. The Minister has asked the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to respond on his behalf.

As I understand it, there has not been a refusal from the State Government with respect to the proposals in the petition you refer to (Petition No. 089).

The Chair of Western Australia's Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs (Standing Committee) wrote to the Department on 19 October 2023 regarding the petition. As the Standing Committee was advised in response, the objective of the Wittenoom Steering Committee is to lead a coordinated approach in the ongoing and future management of the Wittenoom Asbestos Management Area, and to address issues and actions arising due to the asbestos contamination resulting from historical mining activities and use of asbestos in this area.

The Steering Committee is not the appropriate body to comment on the establishment or placement of memorials as outlined in Petition No. 089. However, consistent with its role with respect to the ongoing contamination concerns and risk to human health in the Wittenoom Asbestos Management Area, the Steering Committee would advise against any activity such as the placement of a memorial in the area that could encourage people to go there.

Yours sincerely

Jaime Lundberg
Acting Director General

10 January 2025