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Dear Sir

**Re: Property Rights for West Australians need clarification**

As a landowner in Western Australia, I am concerned that there is a lack of clarification of the rights of property owners in our State.

Living with the fear that the heavy hand of the government can clamp down on me at any time, without explanation, at times as reported by those who have suffered, in a very threatening manner, is not only unfair, its totally undemocratic and tantamount to bullying and psychological torture.

I would like to support you on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 when you are presenting to Parliament the Bill - **"Taking of Property on Just Terms Bill 2013"**.

This Bill affects ALL landowners in Western Australian and as a landowner I am concerned about the Government's lack of clarity on law and process.

It has been reported that there are West Australians who have been driven to financial ruin, subjected to severe mental torment and very tragically even suicide, because our Government is unable to clarify landowner rights when takes private land and converts to public land.

Our government and associated agencies and people in elected roles must take ownership of this desperate situation and prevent the increasing problem of government representatives and advisors hiding behind a fog of bureaucracy.

How can they ignore the hopeless plight of hardworking Australians, indeed in the recent and much publicised case of Peter Swift, a law abiding tax payer makes the situation abundantly clear. He is not alone.

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Any West Australian landowner will find themselves under unbelievable stress, frustration and mental and at times physical strain when they try to deal with a myriad of government agencies to get answers. At best they are endlessly redirected to other government agencies/departments as our civil servants pass the buck and at worst they don't even receive acknowledgement that their enquiry is being addressed.

The West Australian government needs to act IMMEDIATELY and take RESPONSIBILITY.

**Mr Cowper, the subject of your Bill is critical to the future of every landowner in Western Australia.**

By signing this letter I acknowledge my support for clarification of the law as it relates to landowners and to the prompt, efficient and conclusive action and processes of the State Government on the Use and Enjoyment of Freehold and Leasehold Land in Western Australia.

Concerned West Australian Landowner