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Dear Resident

Baldivis Substation

Further to our letter sent on 20 July 2009, we would like to update you on the progress of the land swap offer to relocate the Baldivis Substation.

We recognise the concerns a number of residents have raised regarding the proposed relocation of this substation and assure you that we have taken all feedback and comments into account as part of our wider decision making process.

Last month we conducted an extensive multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) to assist us with evaluating the proposed new sites for the new Baldivis substation. This decision assessment exercise was facilitated by a representative from Curtin University of Technology's Centre for Innovation in Decision Quality and involved a comprehensive process encompassing all aspects of the substation site selection approach including technical, social, environmental and financial considerations.

The results of this extensive multi-criteria assessment clearly stated that Site 3 (shown in the map below) was the preferred option for the substation.



We will be hosting a community outreach session at the Baldivis community centre from 5 pm to 8 pm on Thursday 24 September 2009. The address is 1 Huxtable Terrace, Baldivis. The main aim of the session will be to help the community understand our decision making process and explain why Site 3 is the preferred option. The session format will be open house, with a number of Western Power representatives available to answer questions and address any concerns. Additionally, a representative from Curtin University of Technology will also be available to answer questions about the multi-criteria assessment approach.

During the community outreach session we will ask residents and community members to register their interest in collaborating with us on designing the surrounding landscape for the substation site.

The new Baldivis substation is going to ensure ongoing power reliability and security for your wider community and so we strongly urge you to join us on the 24th to gain insight into our decision making processes. We also encourage you to take advantage of this as an opportunity to learn about new programs, such as energy efficiency, or to find out exactly why the Baldivis substation is a critical part of the entire Western Power electricity network.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BL', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

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