



Warrandyte Community Association

## **WCA opposes Manningham Council Green Wedge Backflip**

The Warrandyte Community Association has noted that following an invitation from the State Government to review the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and propose changes that would address 'significant anomalies' in its current location, Manningham Council has opened the door to vested interest development whilst simultaneously reaffirming its support for the location and extent of the UGB in Manningham, and for the sustainable management and protection of Melbourne's Green Wedges.

Manningham's website states:

*"The State Government invitation provided Council with the opportunity to identify any land parcels in Manningham that may meet criteria for future development and inclusion within the UGB.*

*The UGB clearly defines where development can and cannot occur.*

*Keen to protect the city's Green Wedge; Council undertook a review of the current UGB and identified no additional areas of land as suitable for development and inclusion within the UGB.*

*Council's review did identify a few minor mapping anomalies of the UGB in Manningham that Council will forward to the Minister for consideration.*

*Over the past 30 years, there have been several reviews of Manningham's Green Wedge, each concluding that the significant botanical, zoological and landscape values of the area should be protected from development."*

So far so good.

Then, astonishingly, having identified "*no additional areas of land as suitable for development and inclusion within the UGB*" following exhaustive review, Council abandons this position and invites anyone with a private vested interest to make their case for development whilst excluding any other members of the community.

*"Council has also resolved to invite submissions from any community member who believes that there are significant anomalies associated with the existing Urban Growth Boundary. These landowner submissions will be referred to the Minister for Planning, as an attachment to Council's formal response."*

Exclusion of community views, is exactly the sort of biased 'Planning' process that members of the community oppose. WCA urges every member of the

community to make a submission reiterating their support for the existing Urban Growth Boundary recognising only the *few minor mapping anomalies* identified by Council.

Submissions should be titled 'Manningham Urban Growth Boundary Submission' and sent to:

Director Planning and Environment  
Manningham City Council  
P.O. Box 1, Doncaster, 3018

All submissions must be received by 5.00 pm Wednesday 2 November 2011.