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## Town Planning

- City of Greater Geraldton

I would like to continue my Surf Coaching business, *A Glassy Day Surf Coaching* in Geraldton and surrounding areas. The business has been running at local surf beaches which I have listed at the end of this letter.

I have been surfing for 35 years, and have worked in, on and under the ocean for 21 years. I have completed the Surfing WA Level 1 and Level 2 Surf Coaching courses. This includes, among other things, a Surf Life Saving Rescue certificate and Working with Children clearance.

My goals continue to include:

- providing a professional, structured service, showing care to my students/customers;
- provide surfing lessons for schools, the disabled and disadvantaged, the older generation and other members of the public;
- establish strong relationships with other similar local businesses;
- be a role model for the surfing fraternity in general, but particularly for women and girls;
- educate youth about the ocean, surf safety, protecting the environment and being Sun Smart, encourage healthy self-esteem, and
- use 'green' products wherever possible.

I use a box trailer, approximately three meters in length and two meters high, to store soft-top surfboards, wetsuits, rash shirts and other surfing and safety equipment. The trailer is towed by a light vehicle and both vehicles are parked in existing beach car parks during lesson times.

Each surfing lesson starts near the trailer. Students are given a wetsuit and/or rash shirt, a safety and environment briefing, equipment description and outline of the session – this takes place alongside the trailer. Soft-top surfboards are then distributed to students and the lesson moves to the beach for the practical components. Occasionally hard (fibreglass or epoxy) surfboards are used for technical instruction.

If any students have special needs or a disability which may prevent them easily accessing the beach, I would like to be able to drive them and the vehicles onto the beach.

Flags supplied by Surfing WA or myself are used for safety reasons as reference points for me and/or other coaches. They are placed on the beach to indicate the area in which the lesson is being conducted.

The business, *A Glassy Day Surf Coaching* is registered with Surfing WA and Surfing Australia. Surfing WA has been surfing's governing body since 1964 and covers all board riding codes. All Surfing Australia's Surf Schools operate under a stringent quality assured membership program ensuring the highest standards of operation found anywhere in the world. Under Surfing WA and Surfing Australia, my

surf coaching business receives the backing of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) the International Surfing Association (ISA) the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Australian Water Safety Council.

The business pays Surfing WA an annual membership fee. That affiliation benefits the business in many ways, including providing comprehensive insurance as listed below:

- \$20m public liability insurance
- \$20m products liability insurance
- \$5m professional indemnity insurance

Under Surfing WA, each surf Coach works with a maximum of eight students. I have developed the business to a point where I employ up to five other coaches part-time. This potentially means a total of 48 students during lesson times. In reality the maximum number of students during any given lesson would more likely be 24.

Classes operate all year round, from January to December. Hours of operation are during daylight hours, starting at 6:00am and finishing at 6:00pm. The duration of surfing lessons are between 60 and 90 minutes.

Weather, wind and surf conditions change continually. For this reason and to provide a safe environment for surf coaches, students and the public, could you please consider the below list as locations to conduct these lessons.

Beach locations and car parks I would like to use, but not be limited to, are:

- 'Back Beach' on Willcock Drive
- 'Whimps' on Willcock Drive
- 'Showers' on Willcock Drive
- 'Hadda Way' Beach
- Beaches on Separation Point Close
- 'Tarcoola Beach' on Glendinning Road
- Beaches on Point Moore near the Geraldton Volunteer Marine Rescue Group
- Beaches between and including 'Explosives' and 'Pages'
- 'Champion Bay' Beach
- 'Sandbar' in front of Chapman River mouth
- 'Sunset' beach
- Beaches along Kempton Street, Bluff Point
- 'Glenfields' beach
- 'Greenough River' beach
- 'Flat Rocks' beach

Attached is a map with the above-mentioned beaches marked.