



# Tony Simpson MLA

## Member for Serpentine-Jarrahdale

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### **SJ says no to sandmining**

Local MLA Tony Simpson has ridiculed the announcement by Bemax Resources that it wishes to mine land in Whitby owned by Macquarie Bank.

Simpson, the State MP for Serpentine-Jarrahdale, which includes Whitby, has criticised the idea as being ill conceived and reflects a total lack of local knowledge.

“Whitby is one of the worst places anyone could possibly think to mine”, said Mr Simpson.

“It is right next to the township of Cardup and is within a few kilometres of the towns of Byford and Mundijong and right across the road from the new High school.

“Thousands of people live nearby, and I am sure the extra dust, traffic and pollution created by the mining site would ruin the quality of life for many nearby residents.

“If this site was going to be mined, it should have been done many decades ago.

“However, it is now a fast growing part of the outer metropolitan region.

“The community and Urban Pacific fought long and hard to have the land rezoned urban.

“It should now be used for that purpose and no other.

“It is what the community wants.

“And the way land prices are at the moment, Perth certainly needs more land for urban development.”

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