

**1.10: REQUEST TO WAIVE THE BUILDING LICENCE APPLICATION FEE
FOR THE TELETHON REGIONAL HOME**

Land Description : Lot 750 (51) Grenfell Drive, Bayonet Head
Proponent : WA Country Builders
Owner : WA Country Builders
Councillor's Workstation : Letter from WA Country Builders
Responsible Officer : Executive Director Development Services (G Bride)

Maps and Diagrams: Nil

IN BRIEF

To consider a request from WA Country Builders that Council waive the building licence application fee for the Telethon Regional Home to be built at Lot 750 (51) Grenfell Drive, Bayonet Head.

ITEM 1.10: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL AGREES to waive the building licence application fee for the Telethon Regional Home to be built at Lot 750 (51) Grenfell Drive, Bayonet Head.

(ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)

BACKGROUND

1. Each year a country region is chosen in which to build a dwelling to raise funds for Telethon. Following completion of the dwelling and a public viewing period the dwelling is auctioned.
2. WA Country Builders has been asked to build this year's home in Albany with all materials and labour donated by various suppliers and contractors.
3. To ensure the maximum return on the Telethon Regional Home, WA Country Builders has requested Council waive its building licence application fee.

CEO:

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:

DISCUSSION

4. Since its inception in 1968, Telethon has raised over \$94 million and provided much needed financial assistance to a significant number of charitable organisations, children's hospitals and research/medical facilities in Western Australia.
5. The charity has received long standing support from companies such as WA Country Builders which builds the Regional Home each year.
6. It is therefore recommended that Council resolve to waive the building licence application fee for the Telethon Regional Home at Lot 750 (51) Grenfell Drive, Bayonet Head.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

7. There has been no public consultation regarding this item.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

8. There has been no government consultation regarding this item.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

9. Building licence application fees are set by the state government and published in the Building Regulations 1989.
10. Where considered appropriate, Council has the prerogative to waive a building licence application fee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The exact cost of building the Telethon Regional Home is not known, however it is anticipated that waiving the building licence application fee will result in a reduction of income for the 2010/2011 financial year of between \$636.00 and \$795.00.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no policy implications related to this item.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Council has two options in relation to the request from WA Country Builders to waive the building licence application fee for the Telethon Regional Home:
 - a. Option One. **AGREE** to waive the building licence application fee for the Telethon Charity Home to be built at Lot 750 (51) Grenfell Drive, Bayonet Head.
 - b. Option Two. **REFUSE** to waive the building licence application fee for the Telethon Regional Home to be built at Lot 750 (51) Grenfell Drive, Bayonet Head.

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

14. That the building licence application fee be waived.

File Number (Name of Ward)	A212396 (Yakamia Ward)
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