



This lake is not for Roeing says Labor

by BEN STANWIX

LOCAL Labor heavyweights last week joined Nyungar circle of elders leader Patrick Hume in emphatically denouncing the Liberal party's push to revive Roe Highway stage 8 and the Fremantle eastern bypass.

The Liberals' plan has the road running through North and Bibra Lakes if need be (*Cockburn City Herald, Saturday December 14, 2002*), infuriating the local Nyungar community who regard the wetlands as spiritually important.

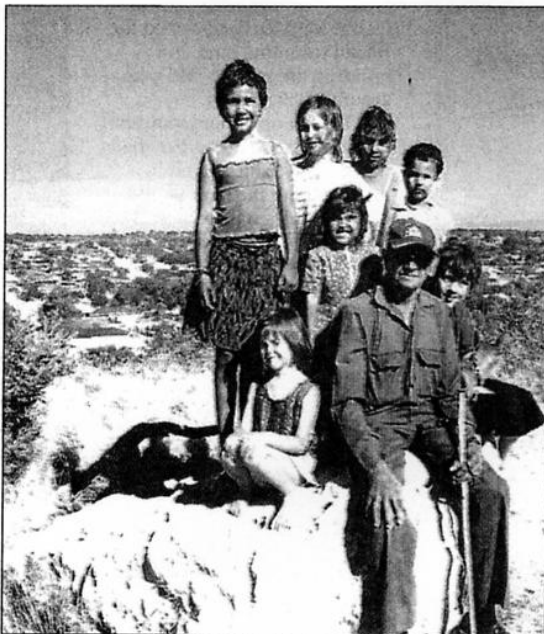
"I want this left alone," Mr Hume told the *Herald*. "It's our heritage and our culture."

"And not only that, it's for everyone to use - the Aboriginals and the Europeans."

Willagee MP and WA Aboriginal affairs minister Alan Carpenter said the "desperate" Liberals were unable to get a toehold at a policy level and were resorting to populist local campaigns.

"It just reflects their complete disregard for issues relating to Aboriginal heritage," he said.

The Save Our Suburbs campaign - backed by Melville council and several current and former Liberal MPs - has gathered momentum over the last few months, claiming Leach Highway and High and South Streets will be



• Patrick Hume, who opposes the Liberal party's push to run Roe Highway through North and Bibra Lakes, is pictured here with local children atop Clontarf Hill, which lies in the path of the Fremantle eastern bypass.

overwhelmed with traffic without the bypass and stage 8.

"Mike Board and his gang just haven't got it," Cockburn MP Francis Logan said. "They're stuck in the '60s and I wouldn't be surprised if they're going to see the Rolling Stones."

Labor's plan was a fresh idea, he said, and was a move away from the treadmill of building more roads to accommodate more cars.

Attorney-general and Freo MP Jim McGinty

scoffed at opposition leader Colin Barnett's threat to force people out of any homes built on deleted bypass land.

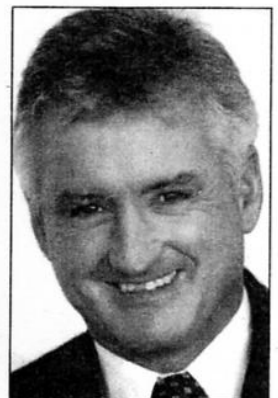
"The Liberals aren't serious," he said.

"They constantly threatened to do this in their last term and they never built it."

In last week's *Herald* Mr Barnett said people who bought land along the deleted bypass route could expect to have the land resumed if and when the Liberals were elected to government.



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\$1.5m for traffic lights

THE WA government will spend more than \$1.5 million on new traffic lights and other improvements at the intersection of Rockingham and Russell Roads in Cockburn.

WA planning minister Alannah MacTiernan hopes the works, scheduled between February and May next year will improve safety and assist development of the Henderson industrial area.