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PAL REJECTS WARATAHS

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest has been informed of yet another significant development opportunity potentially lost to the North West Coast in the long line of rejection for proposed development applications.

David and Marilyn Young are tropical flower exporters from Darwin who purchased a 25 acre bush block at Waratah two years ago. They intended to build a home and then establish approximately 7 acres of Waratahs, similar to their world class export business in the Northern Territory.

"Mr & Mrs Young are experienced exporters who have previously supplied flowers all over the world including the supply of Waratahs to the Melbourne Commonwealth Games last year" Ms Forrest stated.

Mr and Mrs Young state they were informed by a Town Planner at the Waratah Wynyard Council to not even bother putting in a building application for a dwelling on their block, citing the PAL policy for this rejection.

"This total lack of support for cottage industries is very disappointing, especially when it is often the smaller cottage industries or 'hobby farms' that continue to succeed and be productive in times of economic downturns in areas such as dairy, beef or vegetable growing" Ms Forrest said.

"Cottage industries and 'hobby farms' do not tend to rely solely on the income generated from their industry, often having another avenue of income, that supports and enhances their productivity and in doing so they support the local economy and other businesses" Ms Forrest stated.

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