

BACKGROUND PAPERPicking of flora in National Parks and Nature Reserves

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- (1) No approval whatsoever.
- (2) General approval only for the recognised State flower show, i.e. Kings Park.
- (3) General approval for the recognised State and major country flower shows.
- (4) Approval for the taking of small numbers of those plant species known to not occur outside a National Park or Nature Reserve.

With the growth in country wildflower shows it is important that sound advice be given to the National Parks Authority and Western Australian Wildlife Authority on this matter. I would, therefore, appreciate you giving thought to this subject so that a meaningful discussion may be held at the meeting of the Flora Committee.



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DIRECTOR

March 18, 1980

Executive Officer
FLORA COMMITTEE

At the next meeting of the Flora Committee (March 31, 1980) I want to have a discussion on the picking (or otherwise) of wildflowers in National Parks and Nature Reserves for the purpose of wildflower displays such as Kings Park and Cranbrook. Thus when making up the agenda would you please list this item and attach the following brief back document. Also, I want Dr. Smith, Director of the National Parks Authority and Miss Penny Hussey, a member of the Board, invited to attend. They know that they are being invited, so please let them know the time and date of the meeting. Miss Hussey is a biology teacher at Mercedes College, telephone 325 3205.

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