



# Carnaby's Cockatoos on Swan Coastal Plain: Strategic Review

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# Context

- Increasing conflict between biodiversity outcomes and urban growth.
- Pressures most significant in the case of mobile species (traditional environmental impact assessment has led to perverse outcomes).
- Difficulties in “retrofitting” biodiversity conservation into established urban fabric:
  - Limited opportunities
  - High costs.

# The way forward

- Agreement in principle reached at meeting of 12 June 2009 between DEWHA and State Government agencies.

*“ a conservation agreement based on a strategic assessment to be completed by August 2011 with interim arrangement to be settled for protection of matters of national environmental significance, particularly the Carnaby’s Black Cockatoo in place until August 2011”*

# Issues for resolution

- Area to which any agreement would apply
- Scope of the matters of national environmental significance within the agreement
- Arrangements for the operation of the agreement for various kinds of development subject to a different range of State approvals processes
- The Commonwealth's proposed offset framework, including ratios, Western Australia's role in implementation and costs
- Coinvestment, particularly in respect of the implementation of recovery plans for conservation of species and communities of national environmental significance

# Where are we at and where to

- Proposed meeting with DEWHA, DPC and DEC in Canberra (November meeting was deferred)  
[DEC table](#) comparing the WA position and the Commonwealth position on key issues
- [Work plan of actions](#)
- [Statistics](#) analysing potential Carnaby's habitat in the Metropolitan Region Scheme area
- [Mapping](#)

# Some quick stats for the PMR area

<b>Category</b>	<b>hectares</b>
Total Metropolitan Region Scheme Area	735,261
Total habitat in Metropolitan Region Scheme	342,172
Total Bush Forever	69,423
Habitat in Bush Forever	49,453
Total urban under Metropolitan Region Scheme	86,067
Habitat in urban under Metropolitan Region Scheme	22,034
Total urban deferred under Metropolitan Region Scheme	7,835
Habitat in urban deferred under Metropolitan Region Scheme	3,346
Total conservation areas	47,082
Habitat in conservation areas	44,220
Habitat in approved urban subdivisions	445
Habitat in rural under the Metropolitan Region Scheme	83,663