

# Matilda Bay draft

**THE recent launch of the Matilda Bay Reserve draft management plan created more public interest than CALM planners had expected.**

Environment Minister Bob Pearce released the draft plan in early November.

The plan, prepared by CALM for the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority, contains a number of proposals for providing better facilities and access to the river through the Reserve

The plan also looks at alternatives to local traffic problems, including the

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closure of Hackett Drive to through traffic and the building of a ferry jetty on the Crawley foreshore.

On its front page, a community newspaper vented the ire of some local residents at the idea of any alteration to Hackett Drive.

Mr Pearce replied, saying that residents had jumped to conclusions based on misinformation about the plan.

"The area is a very popular spot and people want more picnic areas and

barbecues, better toilet facilities and solutions to the well known parking and traffic problems," he said.

"The plan does canvas the option of closing Hackett Drive to through traffic, but also suggest that traffic could be slowed down so that the drive becomes a scenic drive rather than a through road.

"The draft plan is just that - a draft only," the Minister said.

"I urge anyone interested to make a submission in the two-month period open to them."

Submissions are being accepted until January 10, 1992.



*Bruce Baskerville, University of WA Undergraduates Guild President (left), discusses the finer points of the Matilda Bay draft management plan with Colma Keating, a member of the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority.*

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