

W.A. WILD LIFE AUTHORITY REFUSES REQUEST  
FOR RELEASE OF PORTION OF SANCTUARY

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In April 1969 the Under Secretary for Lands advised that a person, representing a syndicate, made application for release of 1,000 acres of Reserve 23825. This reserve is located east of Esperance at Wylie Bay and is vested in the Authority for the "conservation of fauna". After the original application was refused, a further application was made for a lesser area of the reserve - some 465 acres and access road rights through the reserve.

The W.A. Wild Life Authority, after considering all the evidence before it and the Reserves Committee recommendations, decided to accept that Committee's recommendations.

These were:

- (1) The Reserves Committee was of the opinion that access roads from the north would accentuate the sand blow on the reserve.
- (2) That the best access route to the camping reserve at Wylie Bay was from the west.
- (3) The application should, therefore, be refused.

The Authority considered that this reserve has values to conservation in that it:

- (a) has a northern section of wetlands and game reserve;
- (b) is the only coastal strip for some distance under the control of the Authority;
- (c) has a transition from coastline beaches to wetlands;  
and
- (d) can be used as a control area to show natural changes - shifting sand dunes, re-vegetation, floral and faunal successions.

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