RESERVE ACTION SHEET - CONSERVATION RESERVES

RESERVE A47436 (Beharra Springs), Shire of Irwin Tenure: N

Tenure: Nature Reserve

REASON FOR ACTION

Reserve 47436, located in the Shire of Irwin, has been created as a class A nature reserve vested in the Conservation Commission of WA for the purpose "Conservation of Flora and Fauna". It comprises Lot 12819 on Deposited Plan 82825 (previously Victoria Location 4818).

Area: 64.7 hectares

This area was partly purchased from the Department's central land acquisition funds, with two-thirds of the funding also provided by the Commonwealth Government through the National Reserve System Program of the Natural Heritage Trust. The proposal originated from the refusal for a land-clearing application by the previous owners, and instead, this Department purchased the land on 27 June 2002. The intention is for this reserve to be added to the proposed Arrowsmith Lake Nature Reserve, the creation of which is an EPA Red Book Recommendation 5.7: Arrowsmith Lake Area.

Reserve 47436 contains a wetland type that is not well represented in the conservation estate. The wetland is thought to be the result of a depression in the underlying limestone rock, or of a collapsed area in the limestone. The associated diatomaceous earth supports a thicket of *Melaleuca thyoides* with some forest of river red gum. This vegetation type is highly restricted in occurrence, with less than 5% protected in conservation reserves. The remainder of the Location comprises scrub-heath with scattered emergent banksias, prickly bark and sandplain woody pear on deep sandy flats. Less than 10% of this vegetation type is protected in conservation reserves.

- Date of creation: 9 February 2004 (p. 184)
- Plans at Folios: pp. 185-187
- Native Title clearance: Previous freehold tenure has extinguished native title
- Recommended IUCN classification: 1a

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| 1 | LAND UNIT Send copies of advice | e & maps to: | |
| | | Lisa Wright, WoodvaleDistrict Manager, Moora DistrictRegional Manager, Mid West Region | |
| 2 | SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR | To note native title clearance: | |
| 3 | SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, CRAWLI | EY To note: | |
| 4 | A/DIRECTOR, NATURE CONSERVAT | ION To note: | |
| 5 | CIS | To note: | |
| 6 | CONSERVATION ESTATE OFFICER | Reserve details to inside cover of file: | |





