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The System 6 Study Team  
Department of Environmental Protection  
141 St Georges Terrace  
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Dear Team

Re.: System 6 Update 1995 - Fringing Foreshore Linking Bullcreek Wetlands to Shelley Bridge

I am writing in support of a submission completed by residents of Rossmoyne and Shelley as members of the Canning River Residents Environmental Protection Association (CRREPA).

Additions to CRREPA Submission:

However, I wish to encourage the Study Team to extend the boundaries of the CRREPA submission to include the riverine vegetation of adjacent A30646 to the west of A29130 (M74). (a)  
Also, at the eastern boundary to include the fringing foreshore vegetation on the opposite bank between the Shelley Bridge and Riverton Bridge, Wilson (i.e. between Shelley Bridge (b) and R29689).

Reasons for Additions:

The fringing indigenous vegetation to the west is continuous between A30646 and A29130 and any disturbance in the area of A30646 could be expected to compromise the structural integrity of A29130. The incorporation of this portion of A30646 into an overall System 6 area would protect the Bullcreek Wetland (M74) already implemented under System 6 as a Conservation of Flora and Fauna area and vested with the City of Canning.

The thick *Juncus kraussii* wetland on the river edge at Wilson, accessed via Bridge Street, acts as a continuation of the corridor effect formed by the riverine vegetation, which is the subject of the CRREPA submission. This Wilson wetland is an important feeding area for Egrets and White-faced Grey Herons, and forms the final link in the corridor along the river before the Canning Regional Park (M68).

Personal Reasons:

I am a member of the CRREPA committee and am aware of the time and effort put into the CRREPA submission by Terry and Sandy Potter and Margo and Cam Ross. I was not personally involved in the completion of the submission as I have other commitments including being Wildflower Society representative on the City of Canning Yagan/Bull Creek Advisory Committee, Secretary of the Murdoch Branch of the Wildflower Society, and am on the planting sub-committee of CRREPA currently revegetating sites within the area of this submission. The CRREPA System 6 group felt they should concentrate on recommending only the area with which they are personally involved, however my concern is with the wider picture of regional and state conservation significance. Therefore, rather than appear to be denigrate the efforts of CRREPA I am writing in support of their submission with the request that the boundaries be extended to include those areas which naturally complement the corridor effect of the total area under review.

Our home is situated directly behind those facing the river. We have been residents of Shelley since 1967 and have maintained original marri trees (*Eucalyptus calophylla*) and wattles (*Acacia saligna*) on our property. These trees are now isolated remnants of the original forest and are visited by many varieties of birds and insects throughout the year. Some are residents, while others pass through on a seasonal basis. We have supplemented the indigenous plants with other Australian flora and exotics and there is a continuous source of food and cover. Following is a list of birds recorded over the last 12 months at 7 Bridget Place Shelley.

Honeyeaters:  
Wattle Birds\*  
Small Wattle Birds\*  
Singing\*  
Brown\*  
New Holland

Parrots:  
Black Cockatoos  
Red capped  
Ring Necked  
Rainbow Lorrikeets (introduced)

Blackfaced Cuckoo-shrike\*      Mistletoe bird  
Pardalote, Striated              Silvereyes  
Laughing Doves\* (introduced)      Spotted Doves\* (introduced)  
Willy Wagtails\*                      Magpies  
Mudlarks\*                              Ravens  
Goshawk (resident, roosting/feeding)

\* have been known to nest.

This, I feel provides a good indication of the value of even small remnant bushy areas when associated with vegetation corridors such as that which is present along the Canning River and which is the subject of this and CRREPA's submission, and supports the claim that the total area is significant because of its representative character of the ecological community associated with the region and forms an integral part of the whole.

Future Pressures:

The Yagan/Bull Creek Advisory Committee was formed as a result of conflict of views with regard to the use of remnant bushland. A Management Plan was put out for public comment that included structures which would have compromised the remaining integrity of the remnant which was to be conserved. CRREPA was able to adequately show that for a document which lauded the conservation of an area, it actually contained next to no detail as to how this was to be achieved, but was full of man made structures and activities. This conflict of views can be expected to continue until it is more widely accepted that for an area to provide acceptable standards of clean air, water and soil it is necessary to conserve the whole ecological structure, and disturbance interferes with this end.

The recognition of the area of this submission by the System 6 Update would go some way to supporting the commitment already demonstrated by members of the community.

Yours faithfully,



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