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ATTENTION: STEVE ATWELL

SYSTEM SIX UPDATE PROGRAMME - FLORA SURVEY INFORMATION

Thank you for providing permission for our botanical team to survey the bushland on your property. As arranged between Mr Steve Atwell and Miss Natalie Thorning of this Department, the bushland on the Canning River foreshore, north of Bridge Street was visited on 20 September 1995.

The botanical survey provides us with information on the natural plant communities found in the area, and their condition. This information is needed to assist the Department of Environmental Protection in its programme to update the conservation recommendations for System 6 and the coastal plain portion of System 1. The main objective of the programme is to ensure that the proposed conservation estate is representative of the ecological communities extant in the region.

As part of this programme the Department has advertised for the public to submit areas of bushland that they consider to be of regional significance. Our botanical team is surveying these submitted areas as well as those it considers may be important based on other factors such as their location and soil type etc. The botanical survey provides us with information on the natural plant communities found in the area, and their condition. Please note that the area is one of many sites that we have surveyed. The fact that we visited and surveyed the site does not indicate that it will necessarily be included in the updated System Six Recommendations.

The update programme has employed the botanical survey methodology used in Gibson et al. (1994), 'A Floristic Survey of the Southern Swan Coastal Plain', to provide the main information base upon which to review the adequacy of the existing System recommendations and to assess other bushland areas.

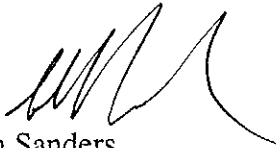
A general description of the vegetation and an assessment of its condition was completed, however, survey sites were not located on your property.

The information collected during the visits will be used to assess the relative conservation values of the bushland areas. The final selections for inclusion in the updated System Six Recommendations will be the best possible examples of bushland containing plant community types that are either unrepresented or poorly represented in the current and proposed conservation system.

If you are interested in the information we have collected, the location of the survey sites or any other additional information on the System Six Update Programme please don't hesitate to contact Miss Natalie Thorning (222 7051) or Mr Kevin McAlpine (222 7055).

Once again, thank you very much for your support for this programme.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MS', written in a cursive style.

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8 December 1995

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12 August, 1995

The System 6 Study Team
Department of Environmental Protection
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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 (b) bank between the Shelley Bridge and Riverton Bridge, Wilson (i.e. between Shelley Bridge 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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