



5th April 2009

The Managing Director
Jandakot Airport Holdings Pty Ltd
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Jandakot WA 6164

Dear Sir/Madam

**JANDAKOT AIRPORT MASTER PLAN 2005
MINOR VARIATION NO. 2: PROPOSAL TO CLEAR 3.29 HA OF BANKSIA WOODLAND
FOR THE SOUTHERN LINK ROAD IN THE JANDAKOT AIRPORT PRECINCT**

The Urban Bushland Council strongly objects to the proposal to clear and construct a road through the conservation precinct. The road would dissect the high quality bushland and introduce edge effects which in time would degrade much more of the bushland. Thus the impact would be over much more than 3.29ha, destroying the ecological integrity of the area.

This is a Bush Forever site and it is also interim listed on the Commonwealth Register of the National Estate. Thus it is both regionally and nationally significant and it is disappointing that JAH has not respected this status. Constructing another road across the middle of Kings Park would not be tolerated by the community, and is not acceptable for the Jandakot conservation precinct. Furthermore the conservation value of Jandakot Airport bushland is arguably much greater than that at Kings Park as the fauna and flora species diversity of Jandakot is still quite intact.

JAH has not presented convincing information to justify the road and we believe that it is not necessary. This is poor planning which has ignored the objections of the community Groups (and we believe also of DEC) which have met with JAH.

The proposal will have an unacceptable impact on Carnaby Cockatoo habitat and on the population of the Declared Rare Flora species of orchid: *Caladenia huegelii* and probably *Drakea elastica*.

The Urban Bushland Council recommends that the road proposal be withdrawn and completely scrapped. Further we recommend that the bushland in the non aviation area of Jandakot Airport be formally given legal status as a conservation area and that it be managed under agreement with the Commonwealth by the State DEC to maintain its conservation values over the long term.

We endorse the submission made by the Friends of Ken Hurst Park, a member group of our association, a copy of which is attached.

Yours sincerely

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