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Dear Mr Curtis

**FOR URGENT ATTENTION: REMOVAL OF ROOSTING HABITAT BY LANDCORP AT PERRY LAKES REDEVELOPMENT**

The Urban Bushland Council brings to your attention as a matter of urgency the destruction taking place now of Carnaby's Cockatoo roosting habitat at the Perry Lakes redevelopment site on the corner of Underwood Avenue and Brookdale Street Floreat.

Sites where >150 birds roost are classed as significant roosting sites and thus critical habitat by DEC, and all potential roosting trees within 1 km radius of such sites are also classed by DEC as critical habitat. There is considerable data for the Perry Lakes roost site and well over 150 birds roost there: >400 have been recorded, and regularly >200 are recorded. The site is confirmed as a significant roosting site for Carnaby's Cockatoo in the Great Cockey Count data, by Birds Australia WA data, and by Margaret Owen who has been monitoring the site for over three years. Her data is published in the proceedings of our Symposium held November 2010: "*Endangered Black Cockatoos in Western Australia*". This information is confirmed by DEC's Regional Ecologist.

The Great Cockey Count and data from WWF show that Carnaby's Cockatoos are declining in the greater Perth region. Removal of critical roosting habitat of an endangered species or part thereof at the Perry Lakes site is totally unacceptable to the community. We believe that the redevelopment of the site can readily take place without removal of the mature trees. Furthermore we understand that the Act allowing the redevelopment requires that as many trees as possible be retained but we believe the spirit of this intent is not being met.

Commitments for replanting trees do not replace roosting and feeding habitat. There is a time gap of 15 - 20 years before any replanting provides useful habitat.

The Urban Bushland Council asks that Landcorp ceases this destruction of critical roosting habitat according to the above guidelines from DEC for Carnaby's Cockatoo - an icon of the Perth region. Thus we call upon Landcorp to immediately cease removal of all habitat and potential habitat trees.

Please note that a similar letter has also been sent to Mr Michael Roberts of Land Use Planning Branch DEC. I may be contacted directly on phone 9271 5707 or [celiagray@bigpond.com](mailto:celiagray@bigpond.com)

Yours sincerely

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