

Section 57 Amendment (Minor)

Form 57

Submission

Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1330/57

Hamilton Hill High School Site

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The Urban Bushland Council recommends that:

1. the MRS Amendment 1330/57 as proposed be rejected; and
2. the MRS Amendment 1330/57 be changed so that the whole of the bushland area is rezoned to Parks & Recreation reservation so that it can be retained as bushland; and
3. the bushland area is added to the Beeliar Regional Park as an A class reserve for the purpose of nature conservation and passive recreation only.
4. The site for the proposed Hamilton Hill High School be moved accordingly.

The area proposed for rezoning includes Banksia woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain which is now an *endangered* ecological community (TEC) under the federal EPBC Act. Also some of the area proposed for rezoning is Tuart Woodland which is likely imminently to be listed under the EPBC Act as *critically endangered*. The Approved Conservation Advice for the Banksia woodlands is to PROTECT the ecological community in order to prevent further loss of the ecological community. This Advice applies to all levels of government and therefore the WAPC should not rezone this area to urban or development, but rather to P&R for the purpose of conservation and passive recreation only.

Patches of Banksia and Tuart woodlands are environmentally sensitive areas (ESA's) and thus they should not be cleared under the State clearing regulations.

Mature Banksia, Jarrah and Tuart woodland communities cannot be offset. So this approach should not be permitted in order to justify clearing.

The Urban Bushland Council commends the comprehensive submission to you by or member group the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor Inc. Notably this includes data and advice from expert botanist Tauss and Associates.

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President, Urban Bushland Council WA Inc.