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Dear Mr McMullan

Comment - Class A Reserve 46248 – File No 1491-2002 Job No 130571

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to close the 3.3593 ha portion of the Esplanade road reserve and its subsequent amalgamation into Class A Reserve 46248 at the South Trigg Beach Reserve as advertised in The West Australian 3 December 2018.

The Urban Bushland Council strongly supports the closure of the road reserve and its amalgamation into the adjacent Class ‘A’ Reserve 46248 as advertised.

This is consistent with the recognised environmental significance of the reserves as part of **Bush Forever Area 308** named ‘**Trigg Bushland and Adjacent Coastal Reserve, Trigg/Scarborough**’. It is pleasing to see this progress in securing the appropriate land tenure for part of a Bush Forever Area.

In 2012 steps were taken by the City of Stirling with the support of the community, to close the road reserve and include the land within the boundary of the adjacent Class A Reserve to West Coast Highway. When Class ‘A’ Reserve 46248 was upgraded to this status in 2012 in recognition of its importance as a remnant coastal reserve of environmental significance; it was the stated intention that the adjacent road reserve would also be included in due course.

The recognition of a Threatened Ecological Community of Rottnest Island Pine (*Callitris preissii*) on the road reserve in 2017 made its closure and amalgamation with the Class A Reserve urgent and necessary to protect and conserve it into the future.

Thus the Urban Bushland Council supports the proposed road closure and amalgamation proposal as advertised. Further we commend to you the advice from our Member Groups the ‘Friends of Trigg Bushland’ and ‘Beach Not Bitumen’.

Yours sincerely

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