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Proposal for Place of Worship and Community Purpose at Lot 213 (28) Lewis Road, Wattle Grove (DA19/0001 and DAP/19/01562)

To be considered and determined by the Metro East Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP)

Dear Officer,

The Urban Bushland Council WA Inc was contacted about this proposal, with concerns expressed that include the size of the development, the loss of Marri trees and the effect such loss of around 140 Marri trees would have on both Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos and white tailed black-cockatoos, - Carnaby's and/or Baudin's.

These concerns are also reflected in the submissions relating to the Clearing Permit Application. The 15 submissions all note environmental concerns about loss of trees and habitat for endangered cockatoos and other fauna as well as concerns for Yule Brook.

The Urban Bushland Council shares these concerns. We appreciate that the building footprint was revised by the City with the result that a black-cockatoo habitat tree, with a DBH of 75 cm, is to be retained, as well as 2 large, 5 medium and 8 small trees.

Also the protection of Marris in the carpark area, one 'very large' one 'large', and around eighteen medium and small trees is appreciated, but the size of the footprint for parking (Figure. 3 Focused Vision consulting) is a very big area of the site for parking. Over 70 trees will be destroyed for the carpark alone. Although the trees range in size from small to medium, it does take tens of years to reach these sizes. If each tree was valued in terms of dollars on all its values, there will be substantial loss.

Is there any possibility of retaining further trees in any area of the development footprint, in particular in the carparking area?

Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos, since 2010, have moved seasonally onto the Swan Coastal Plain seeking food as food resources have diminished and climate change affects trees and flowering times. These birds are in danger of becoming extinct and clearing is one of the major causes of their decline.