

**Section 57 Amendment (Minor)  
Submission  
Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1333/57  
Bush Forever Omnibus 1 (North)**

[mrs@planning.wa.gov.au](mailto:mrs@planning.wa.gov.au)

Secretary  
Western Australian Planning Commission  
Locked Bag 2506  
Perth WA 6001

**Submission** by Urban Bushland Council WA Inc., PO Box 326 West Perth WA 6872.

Contact person: Mary Gray phone 9444 5647, email [celiagray@bigpond.com](mailto:celiagray@bigpond.com) and [ubc@bushlandperth.org.au](mailto:ubc@bushlandperth.org.au)

Date of submission: 31 May 2019

Representatives of the Urban Bushland Council would like to attend a hearing.

Please remove my personal name and signature. Retain name of Urban Bushland Council WA Inc.

**PURPOSE**

The amendment should include a statement of purpose for Bush Forever Areas under the Act. While the boundaries, numbers and the label 'Bush Forever Areas' is shown on the MRS map, there is no definition and purpose of Bush Forever Areas. This has caused uncertainty and lack of protection.

**It is therefore strongly recommended that the following definition of purpose be added to this MRS Amendment 1333/57 Bush Forever Omnibus 1 (North) (and to all three amendments) to apply to all Bush Forever Areas:**

*Bush Forever areas are for the purpose of conservation and passive recreation only, no other uses permitted.*

**COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS**

**Proposal 1 in City of Wanneroo:** Reservation of Lot 8033 Flynn Drive Carramar to P&R is supported.

**Proposal 2 in City of Wanneroo:** Supported.

**Proposal 3 in City of Wanneroo:** Not supported. Even though the road has been built transecting Bush Forever Area 382, it should be retained in the Bush Forever site so that there is no further disturbance and any roadside trees and shrubs remain, and if not, they should be replanted along the edges.

**Proposal 4 in City of Wanneroo:** Supported. The small P&R reservation additions and additions to Bush Forever are supported.

**Proposal 5 in City of Wanneroo:** The addition to P&R reservation is supported. And the addition of this area to Bush Forever 397 is supported.

The removal of the marina and car park area from Bush Forever 397 is not supported. This is because these areas are vital ecological strips and links along the coast and some coastal vegetation remains and some planting of suitable local species in the car-park will aid this essential linkage function for wildlife. Also retaining Bush Forever status will help ensure changes and new developments to the facilities are suitably planned given the sensitive location on the limestone cliff and in the coastal edge and marina area.

**Proposal 6 in City of Wanneroo:** Supported.

**Proposal 7 in City of Wanneroo:** Supported.

**Proposal 8 in City of Wanneroo:** Additions to Bush Forever supported.

The break in the very significant ecological linkage of Bush Forever 397 west/east inland is significant and unfortunate, and measures should be taken to include and retain a vegetated linkage through the WSD area.

**Proposal 9 in City of Wanneroo:** Addition supported, although it is regrettable that an area of foreshore bushland has been lost as the coastal links north- south are ecologically significant and should be retained.

**Proposal 10 in City of Wanneroo:** This is a regrettable loss of Bush Forever along Caporn Street due to roadworks. Such edge incursions into Bush Forever sites should not be permitted.

**Proposal 11 in City of Wanneroo:** Additions supported, and deletion questioned.

**Proposal 12 in City of Swan:** Supported.

**Proposal 13 in City of Swan:** Supported.

Also, the surrounding areas of Bush Forever 291 (zoned rural) require statutory protection for conservation. This could be achieved as described above under **Purpose**.

**Proposal 14 in City of Swan:** Meaning not clear. Why is the whole Bush Forever Area 292 not rezoned to P&R?

**Proposal 15 in City of Swan:** All remnants on Pearce Airport lands are very significant as little of this vegetation type remains. With possible future changes to facilities at Pearce, it may be preferable to leave the Bush Forever designation so that restoration of ecological linkages may be encouraged and made possible.

**Proposal 16 in City of Swan:** This is another regrettable loss of a part of a Bush Forever Area which should have been prevented. Just because a Bush Forever site is zoned urban should not stop it from being retained, protected and conserved. This is another case showing the need for the purpose of conservation to be a legal requirement over all Bush Forever sites regardless of their zone. See our recommendation above under **Purpose**.

**Proposal 17 in City of Swan:** Additions supported. Again, as for Proposal 16, the urban zoned sections of the Bush Forever area should have been retained and protected.

**Proposal 18 in City of Swan:** Fully supported.

**Proposal 19 in Perth Airport, City of Swan:** This is another regrettable loss in Perth Airport. There must be no further loss of bushland in Perth Airport and the State must insist on this to the Commonwealth.

**Proposal 20 in City of Swan:** This is another regrettable large area of loss from Bush Forever. Main Roads must be stopped from encroaching into bushland conservation areas.

**Proposal 21 in City of Swan:** Supported.

**Proposal 22 in City of Joondalup:** The inclusion of Lakeside Drive in Bush Forever in 2000 was not anomaly as the road reserve was wide in this area. The roadside remaining now should be retained as shown and this is good for such a road verge to be vegetated.

**Proposal 23 in City of Joondalup:** Not supported. This is a curious proposal. Another suitable site not in bushland is preferred.

**Proposal 24: City of Kalamunda:** Supported. This is an example showing that degraded areas can be restored although it is always best to retain existing areas of native vegetation.

Signature:

Chairperson, Urban Bushland Council WA Inc.  
31 May 2019