

**Section 57 Amendment (Minor)
Submission
Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1335/57
Bush Forever Omnibus 3 (South)**

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Urban Bushland Council representatives would like to attend a hearing.

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COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS

Proposal 1 in City of Gosnells: Supported.

Proposal 2 in City of Gosnells: Supported.

Proposal 3 in City of Gosnells: The map presented does not show the extent of native vegetation remaining in the areas proposed for removal and does not show the extent of housing already built.

It is very disappointing that the whole area of Bush Forever 125 was not acquired and secured soon after the year 2000 when Bush Forever implementation commenced, as the site is groundwater dependent ecosystem (GDE)– ie vegetated wetland - of very high conservation value with many species of orchids and other significant flora present. Also part of this area to be removed is mapped as Conservation Category Wetland (CCW) and the Southern River vegetation complex is extremely seriously under represented with only 1.5% in secure tenure for conservation (see Appendix C, EPA Interim strategic advice July 2015).

Being a low lying area and wetland, it is inherently not suitable for housing as it could flood in high rainfall events. Further, the common practice of bringing in limestone based fill on which to build changes the sensitive groundwater hydrology and will have an impact on nearby GDE's and wetlands.

If there are parts that remain vegetated, it is preferred that the areas remain in Bush Forever to inspire their retention and restoration in such a significant wetland site.

Proposal 4 in City of Gosnells and City of Armadale: It is disappointing that these areas have already been lost. Notably Main Roads, and LGA's, as well as DWER regulators have a history of not respecting and retaining the conservation values of native vegetation on road reserves, and this attitude and practice should be changed in the south west biodiversity hotspot which is already over-cleared. Clearing of these areas is at variance to one and usually more of the Clearing Principles and therefore should not be cleared according to the Clearing Regulations under the EP Act.

Proposal 5 in City of Armadale: Supported

Proposal 6 in City of Armadale: Supported

Proposal 7 in City of Armadale: It is disappointing that these blocks have not been revegetated given their position in and completely surrounded by Bush Forever 344, and which is high conservation value CCW. This area should be required to be revegetated and restored with the relevant local species and also in the interests of water protection.

Thus this proposal is not supported.

Proposal 8 in City of Armadale: Supported.

Proposal 9 in City of Cockburn: Supported.

Proposal 10 in City of Cockburn: Addition supported.

Proposal 11 in Jandakot Airport, City of Cockburn: The vast areas of loss from Jandakot Airport is shocking. Please note that the remaining areas of native vegetation are classed in the Airport Master Plan 2015 as *Conservation Precincts 1a, 1b and 2 and are required to be protected in perpetuity under a Controlled Action decision made under the EPBC Act.*

Therefore it is essential that these areas remaining in the Bush Forever Area 388 are indeed retained. The WAPC and State Government must support and insist that the Commonwealth ensures this protection in the revised Master Plan due 2019 and in all development proposals.

Proposal 12: City of Cockburn and City of Kwinana: Not supported.

We strongly object to this proposed removal from the Henderson foreshore reserve of Bush Forever Area 346. **It is currently in the Beeliar Regional Park and is a class A reserve and should remain as such.**

While this area has been occupied by squatters for many years, the squatters could be removed and relocated. The foreshore is an important part of the reserve and could be rehabilitated. It is environmentally significant because of the limestone cliffs and has heritage values as the site of the Clarence settlement in 1829. Retention and rehabilitation of foreshore areas should always be the priority.

Proposal 13 in City of Kwinana: It is not stated whether these 2 sections are vegetated. If so, vegetation should be retained in the interests of conservation of the Bush Forever site and for water catchment protection.

Proposal 14 in City of Kwinana: Additions supported.

The very narrow sections proposed for removal appear un-necessary and are not supported as their disturbance will cause avoidable disturbance of the adjoining bushland in BF 269 The Spectacles. The natural landscape environment should take precedence over Railways reservation.

Proposal 15 in City of Kwinana: Addition of Lot 800 supported.

Proposal 16 in Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale: It is not clear whether all the vegetation has been cleared from the part proposed for removal. It is preferable to retain the P&R zoning and as Bush Forever to inspire revegetation with local species as so little remains in this area. Thus this removal is not supported.

Proposal 17 in Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale: It is not clear whether there is any remaining vegetation on the road reserve proposed to be removed. If there is some, it is suggested that the area be retained, not removed from Bush Forever. Roadside trees and understory should be retained.

Proposal 18 in Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale: Supported: This proposal for additions to Bush Forever 368 to match the cadastre being the very special Lowlands property is strongly supported.

Proposal 19 in Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale: Additions supported for this significant Bush Forever site 372, Hymus Swamp, part of Lowlands bushland.

Proposal 20 in City of Rockingham: It is not clear why this is proposed for removal. If it is vegetated or partly so, it should remain in the Bush Forever Area 356.

Proposal 21 in City of Rockingham: Supported.

Signature:

Chairperson, Urban Bushland Council WA Inc.
31 May 2019