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## **CPS 9578-1 Two Rocks Beach Access Application for a purpose permit by the City of Wanneroo:**

Facilitating future development of beach access from Two Rocks Road to the beach (southern section) and car parking at the beach.

Also investigation of possible Unexploded Ordinances (UXO) and actions to make the way safe.

With the exception of the northern corner, the study area is within Bush Forever site 397 'Coastal Strip from Wilbinga to Mindarie'.

The Urban Bushland Council WA Inc has made several submissions over the years regarding the fragmentation of Bush Forever Area 397 through providing beach access and parking areas. Perth's planning has led to one of the largest urban sprawls in the world, sprawling over more than 100,000 hectares for its population size. With ever increasing housing development up the coast, the integrity of natural coastlines, vegetation and bushlands and wetlands is compromised. This is unacceptable.

The UBC is pleased to read that due to a submission being made to the City by Brett Loney, Wildflower Society of WA, and then Brett being invited to discuss the proposal, the City of Wanneroo 'revoked the clearing permit application' (29 September 2021). The new Clearing Application has 'now been resubmitted based on key stakeholder feedback.' The statement that the City has invited the Wildflower Society to 'increased involvement in future applications' is welcome.

Due to the discussions held, the outcome is that there will be a 62% reduction of the clearing footprint from clearing 3.78 hectares to 1.43 hectares. There will also be an increase in rehabilitation from 0.65 hectares to 0.93 hectares. However this is still an incursion into Bush Forever Area 397 which is an important part of the Bush Forever 'CAR' conservation reserve system. These areas are supposed to be fully protected for biodiversity conservation and therefore clearing should not be permitted.

## It is therefore strongly recommended that the purpose permit not be granted, and that no clearing be permitted in Bush Forever Area 397.

Yours sincerely

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