



## SUBDIVISION OF LOT 123 MORTIMER ROAD CASUARINA

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The City has received advice from the Environmental Protection Authority that the subdivision application for Lot 123 Mortimer Road, Casuarina (Assessment No: 2254), has been released for public comment.

A summation of the environmental significance of Lot 123 Mortimer Road can be found below, **can you please distribute the following information and referral portals links to your community Groups.**

### **Historic Background:**

With regards to the subdivision application for Lot 123 Mortimer Road, Casuarina (Assessment No: 2254), the Environmental Protection Authority advised that:

- In 2021 the EPA had requested further information from the applicant for the subdivision application as the information submitted was insufficient.
- The EPA further advised that the applicant had changed consultants and Bioscience were now representing the applicant.
- The EPA were undertaking a bilateral assessment under both the Environmental Protection Act (1986) and the Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999).
- The EPA advised that species of Threatened orchids required targeted seasonal surveys. These were unlikely to be undertaken in spring 2022.

### **Additional information:**

Subdivision of Lot 123 Mortimer Road, Casuarina – Assessment No: 2254 – Environmental Review Document

In July 2020, the EPA determined to assess the above proposal at the level of Referral Information with additional information required under s.40(2)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) and 2-week public review period The additional information package (Supplementary Environmental Review Document, Bioscience 2023) is available for download from the EPA website at <https://www.epa.wa.gov.au/proposals/subdivision-lot-123-mortimer-road-casuarina>.

The EPA has determined that the proponent's additional information package should be available for a public review of 2 weeks, commencing on 20 November 2023. **The closing date for submissions is 4 December 2023.**

The invitation at the front of the additional information package provides details on making submissions to the EPA. Submissions are to be made through the consultation hub at <https://consultation.epa.wa.gov.au/>

Alternatively, submissions can be:

- posted to: Chair, Environmental Protection Authority, Locked Bag 10, Joondalup DC, WA 6919.
- delivered to: Environmental Protection Authority, Prime House, 8 Davidson Terrace Joondalup.

### **The ecological values of Lot 123 Mortimer Road, Casuarina:**

- Lot 123 (165) Mortimer Road, Casuarina (Lot 123) is considered one of the most significant intact Banksia Woodlands containing geomorphic wetlands on the Swan Coastal Plain. With most of the remnant vegetation in excellent condition, the 45 hectares site affords regional significance within metropolitan Perth.
- Larger areas of native vegetation, such as that on Lot 123, are most resilient in protecting biodiversity in the long term. Therefore, Lot 123 has important regional environmental values that are worthy of conservation.

### **Biodiversity Values:**

- The environmental significance of Lot 123 affords legislative protection under the Federal Government Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999 (EPBC Act), and the State Government Environmental Protection Act, 1986 (EP Act) and the Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016 (BC Act).
- Two species of fauna and a vegetation community found on Lot 123 are considered Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) in accordance with the EPBC Act (1999).

### **Matters of National Environmental Significance under the EPBC Act include:**

- Threatened Ecological Community Banksia Woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain
- *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* (Endangered Carnaby's Cockatoo) 45ha of foraging & roosting habitat
- *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* (Vulnerable Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo) 45ha of foraging & roosting habitat

### **Biodiversity significance under the Environmental Protection Act (1986) and Biodiversity Conservation Act (2016):**

- Threatened Ecological Community Banksia Woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain
- Critically Endangered Floristic Community Type 20a Banksia Woodland
- Threatened, Vulnerable and Priority Flora including the Critically Endangered Flora *Thelymitra variegata*
- Priority Fauna including, the Black Gloved Wallaby (*Macropus Irma*)
- Conservation Category Wetlands
- Resource Enhancement Wetlands
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Given consideration of the above evidence, Lot 123 is a regional ecological asset worthy of retention and protection through the State and Federal Government planning process.