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Attn: Chris Sayer

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION UNDER SECTION 48A(1)(a)
Environmental Protection Act 1986

SCHEME AMENDMENT TITLE: Shire of Roebourne Town Planning Scheme 8
Amendment 38 - Karratha City Centre Zoning
Revisions
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: City of Karratha
DECISION: Scheme Amendment Not Assessed – Advice
Given (no appeals)

Thank you for referring the above scheme amendment to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

After consideration of the information provided by you, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) considers that the proposed scheme amendment should not be assessed under Part IV Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) but nevertheless provides the following advice and recommendations.

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Environmental Issues

- Flora and vegetation

2. Advice and recommendations regarding Environmental Issues

- Flora and vegetation

The EPA notes that Vegetation Association V1: *Eragrostis* Tussock Grassland recorded in the Flora and Fauna Assessment (GHD 2014) appears to align with the Priority Ecological Community (PEC) Horseflat Land System of the Roebourne

Plains (Priority 3). The majority of the subject land consists of vegetation association V1 and occurs on the Horseflat Land System.

The EPA further notes that there are no occurrences of this PEC found within the Department of Parks and Wildlife's conservation reserve system, and the majority of existing communities have been heavily grazed, fragmented or degraded through weed invasion.

The EPA acknowledges that the Karratha City Centre Infrastructure Works project is well advanced and that the majority of the subject land (6.32 hectares) is in a degraded condition.

The EPA advises that future development within the Shire should avoid this PEC where it is in good or better condition. The development of areas in close proximity to occurrences of V1 should also be managed appropriately to ensure that any potential indirect impacts (e.g. spread of weeds, uncontrolled public access) to the PEC are either avoided or kept to the minimum.

The EPA expects that environmental factors will be adequately managed, where appropriate, through detailed planning processes and in consultation with the Department of Parks and Wildlife, Department of Water and other relevant agencies.

3. General Advice

- For the purposes of Part IV of the EP Act, the scheme amendment is defined as an assessed scheme amendment. In relation to the implementation of the scheme amendment, please note the requirements of Part IV Division 4 of the EP Act.
- There is no appeal right in respect of the EPA's decision on the level of assessment of scheme amendments.
- A copy of this advice will be sent to relevant authorities and made available to the public on request.

Yours faithfully



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