

**ADVICE UNDER SECTION 48A(1)(a)
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986**

Shire of Dandaragan - Local Planning Scheme 7 - Amendment 36

Location: Bassendean Precinct Special Control Area and Public Drinking Water Source Areas

Determination: Scheme Not Assessed – Advice Given (not appealable)

Determination Published: 29 October 2018

Summary

The Shire of Dandaragan proposes to introduce special control areas for Public Drinking Water Source Areas, and modify the wording of scheme provisions to allow for subdivision and development to occur within the Bassendean Precinct Special Control Area (BPSCA).

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has considered the scheme amendment in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The EPA considers that the scheme amendment is unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment and does not warrant formal assessment under Part IV of the EP Act. The EPA has based its decision on the documentation provided by the Shire of Dandaragan. Having considered this matter the following advice is provided.

1. Environmental Factors

Having regard for the EPA's Statement of Environmental Principles, Factors and Objectives the EPA has identified the following preliminary environmental factors relevant to this scheme amendment:

- Inland Waters;
- Flora and Vegetation;
- Terrestrial Fauna.

2. Advice and Recommendations regarding Environmental Factors

Inland Waters, Flora and Vegetation and Terrestrial Fauna

The Bassendean Precinct Area is an important environmental unit in the central coast region. The area is noted as a significant area of internal drainage with numerous wetlands and perched water tables. It is particularly vulnerable to the use of fertilizers due to its low nutrient holding ability and the potential for winter water logging.

The BPSCA contains areas of native and wetlands that provide habitat for fauna, notably black cockatoos.

The EPA supports retaining the BPSCA within the scheme.

The EPA also supports scheme provisions that require:

- future subdivision and development proposals to be referred to relevant government agencies responsible for wetlands, groundwater and/or environmental impacts; and
- the decision maker to be satisfied that future subdivision and development proposals can occur and be managed without affecting the quality of water and environmental attributes of the area.