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STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

PEEL INLET-HARVEY ESTUARY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - STAGE 2

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE MINISTER FOR WATERWAYS

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The proponents shall adhere to the proposal as assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority and shall fulfil the commitments made and listed in Appendix 2 of Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 363, as amended (copy of commitments attached)
- 2. The proponents shall develop proposals for control of phosphorus through catchment management, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority, and shall implement them as rapidly as possible so that, in conjunction with the Dawesville Channel, the following objective is met:

the Peel-Harvey System becomes clean, healthy and resilient.

To achieve this objective, the following interim targets should be used:

- (1) annual phosphorus input to the system shall not exceed 85 tonnes in more than four years out of ten (on average) and shall not exceed 165 tonnes in more than one year out of ten (on average). [These are based on 60 and 90 percentile loads]; and
- (2) average phosphorus concentration in estuary water shall not exceed 0.2 milligrams per litre in nine years out of ten (on average).

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- (2) construction stage impacts and monitoring, prior to construction; and
- (3) operational and long-term monitoring, in stages, to be determined by the Environmental Protection Authority.

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14. Proposals which may release nitrogen or phosphorus to the environment shall not be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority provided that they are consistent with the draft Statement of Planning Policy for the Peel-Harvey Coastal Catchment. Proposals not consistent with the draft Statement of Planning Policy for the Peel-Harvey Coastal Catchment shall be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority.

This Condition will apply to the final Statement of Planning Policy for the Peel-Harvey Coastal Catchment when it is gazetted.

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These target figures shall be reviewed by the Environmental Protection Authority after 3 years or sooner if environmental conditions dictate, in the light of measured performance of the System and may subsequently be varied by the Environmental Protection Authority.

- The proponents shall jointly prepare an Environmental Protection Policy for the Peel-Harvey catchment in consultation with such persons and agencies as Government may specify, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority, in accordance with the objective and targets specified in Condition 2 above. The target date for the Draft Policy (under Section 26 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986) is 31 December 1989.
- 4. The proponents shall develop in consultation with such persons and agencies as Government may specify, an integrated catchment management plan designed to meet the objective and targets specified in Condition 2 above, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority, and which shall be in accordance with the principles to be developed in the Environmental Protection Policy for the area pursuant to Condition 3. The target date for the implementation of the integrated catchment management plan shall be 31 December 1990.
- 5. The proponents shall ensure that the moratorium on clearing and drainage in the Peel-Harvey coastal plain catchment proposed in the Stage 2 Environmental Review and Management Programme (Commitment 3.6) continues until the Minister for Environment is satisfied that these activities would be environmentally acceptable.
- 6. Relevant decision-making authorities shall ensure that all developments within 2 kilometres of the Peel-Harvey Estuary System (as defined in the Estuarine and Marine Advisory Committee Report to the Environmental Protection Authority, Department of Conservation and Environment Bulletin 88, March 1981.) include appropriate nutrient-attenuating waste disposal systems and management practices, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
- 7. Prior to construction, a dredging and spoil disposal management plan for the Dawesville Channel shall be prepared by the proponents, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority. Dredging not already forming part of the proposals in the Stage 2 Environmental Review and Management Programme shall be the subject of separate assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority.
- 8. The proponents shall ensure that weed harvesting and control is continued and increased as necessary to manage the expected initial increase in the occurrence of nuisance macroalgae.

- 9. Decisions on developments which may release phosphorus or nitrogen to the environment in the Peel-Harvey Estuary area and coastal plain catchment area should be conservative until the new assimilative capacity of the Peel-Harvey Estuary System is determined and the effects of the management elements have been measured or are being managed. To this end, such proposals for development in these areas shall be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority for assessment. These developments include new and expansion of existing intensive horticultural and intensive animal industries.
- 10. The Peel-Harvey regional park concept, as originally proposed in the System 6 Redbook report (Conservation Reserves for Western Australia: The Darling System - System 6, Department of Conservation and Environment Report 13, Parts I and II, October 1983.) shall be implemented within such time as to be determined by the Minister for Environment.
- 11. If the Dawesville Channel is constructed, the proponents shall be responsible for ensuring that mosquito management is effective and is carried out in an environmentally acceptable manner, to the satisfaction of the Minister for Environment and the Minister for Health.
- 12. The proponents shall be jointly responsible for the environmental aspects of:
  - (1) the construction, operation, monitoring and maintenance of the Dawesville Channel and its impacts within the estuaries and within the immediate marine environment;
  - (2) the management and required monitoring of the catchment, and collection of data necessary for the development of the integrated catchment management plan for the Peel-Harvey catchment; and
  - (3) all in-estuary monitoring and management, including weed harvesting.

All of the above shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.

- 13. Prior to the construction of the Dawesville Channel, the proponents shall prepare in stages, a monitoring and management programme, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority. This programme shall include:
  - essential additional baseline monitoring required to be in place as soon as possible and prior to construction commencing;