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Statement No. 780

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

**EXTENSION OF REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
92 KENWICK ROAD, KENWICK  
CITY OF GOSNELLS**

**Proposal:** The expansion of the Rehoboth Christian School in Kenwick on part of Lot 107 and Lot 105A to allow for additional education facilities to accommodate a primary school (See schedule 1 attached).

**Proponent:** Association for Christian Education Inc.

**Proponent Address:** 92 Kenwick Road, KENWICK WA 6107

**Assessment Number:** 1670

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** Bulletin 1249

The proposal referred to in the above report of the Environmental Protection Authority may be implemented. The implementation of that proposal is subject to the following conditions and procedures:

**1 Proposal Implementation**

1-1 The proponent shall implement the proposal as assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority and described in schedule 1 of this statement subject to the conditions and procedures of this statement.

## **2 Proponent Nomination and Contact Details**

- 2-1 The proponent for the time being nominated by the Minister for the Environment under sections 38(6) or 38(7) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* is responsible for the implementation of the proposal.
- 2-2 The proponent shall notify the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department of Environment and Conservation of any change of the name and address of the proponent for the serving of notices or other correspondence within 30 days of such change.

## **3 Time Limit of Authorisation**

- 3-1 The authorisation to implement the proposal provided for in this statement shall lapse and be void within five years after the date of this statement if the proposal to which this statement relates is not substantially commenced.
- 3-2 The proponent shall provide the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation with written evidence which demonstrates that the proposal has substantially commenced on or before the expiration of five years from the date of this statement.

## **4 Compliance Reporting**

- 4-1 The proponent shall submit to the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation environmental compliance reports annually reporting on the previous twelve-month period, unless required by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation to report more frequently.
- 4-2 The environmental compliance reports shall address each element of an audit program approved by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation and shall be prepared and submitted in a format acceptable to the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- 4-3 The environmental compliance reports shall:
  - 1 be endorsed by signature of the proponent's Managing Director or a person, approved in writing by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation, delegated to sign on behalf of the proponent's Managing Director;
  - 2 state whether the proponent has complied with each condition and procedure contained in this statement;
  - 3 provide verifiable evidence of compliance with each condition and procedure contained in this statement;

- 4 state whether the proponent has complied with each key action contained in any environmental management plan or program required by this statement;
  - 5 provide verifiable evidence of conformance with each key action contained in any environmental management plan or program required by this statement;
  - 6 identify all non-compliances and non-conformances and describe the corrective and preventative actions taken in relation to each non-compliance or non-conformance;
  - 7 review the effectiveness of all corrective and preventative actions taken; and
  - 8 describe the state of implementation of the proposal.
- 4-4 The proponent shall make the environmental compliance reports required by condition 4-1 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

## **5 Performance Review and Reporting**

- 5-1 The proponent shall submit to the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation Performance Review Reports at the conclusion of the first, third, fifth, seventh and ninth years after the start of implementation of the proposal and then, at such intervals as the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation may regard as reasonable, which address:
- 1 the major environmental risks and impacts; the performance objectives, standards and criteria related to these; the success of risk reduction/impact mitigation measures and results of monitoring related to the management of the major risks and impacts;
  - 2 the level of progress in the achievement of sound environmental performance, including industry benchmarking, and the use of best available technology where practicable; and
  - 3 significant improvements gained in environmental management which could be applied to this and other similar projects.

## **6 Wetland and Vegetation Rehabilitation Plan**

- 6-1 Prior to commencement of ground disturbance activities, the proponent shall prepare and submit a Wetland and Vegetation Rehabilitation Plan that meets the objectives set out in Condition 6-3 and the requirements of Condition 6-4 as determined by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- 6-2 In preparing the Plan the proponent shall consult with the DEC and Department of Water (DoW).

6-3 The objectives of the Plan are to:

1. ensure full rehabilitation of not less than 0.18 hectares of Threatened Ecological Community claypan wetlands (refer to area delineated on Figure 2);
2. ensure partial rehabilitation of not less than 0.66 hectares of Threatened Ecological Community claypan wetlands (refer to area delineated on Figure 2); and
3. ensure protection of endemic fauna.

6-4 The Plan shall include management measures for:

1. identification and protection of endemic fauna;
2. removal of weeds;
3. installation of fencing prior to site works;
4. revegetation or rehabilitation with appropriate local species; and
5. implementation of the rehabilitation works by people with demonstrated expertise in rehabilitating wetlands.

6-5 The proponent shall implement the Wetland Management Plan required by condition 6-1.

## **7 Conservation Covenant**

7-1 Prior to commencement of ground disturbance activities, the proponent shall enter into a Conservation Covenant with a suitable covenant agency for the “Conservation Area” delineated in Figure 3 (attached) that will adequately protect the wetland and vegetation values, to the satisfaction of the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The covenant shall:

1. ensure conservation of the Declared Rare Flora and Threatened Ecological Communities on site;
2. conserve the Conservation Category Wetland values and valuable linkages to other remnant vegetation and the Greater Brixton Street Wetlands; and
3. prohibit future development of the remaining undeveloped portion of Lot 107.

## **8 Wetland and Vegetation Management Plan**

8-1 Prior to commencement of ground disturbance activities, the proponent shall prepare and submit a Wetland and Vegetation Management Plan that meets the objectives set

out in Condition 8-3 and the requirements of Condition 8-4 as determined by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

8-2 In preparing the Plan the proponent shall consult with the DEC and DoW.

8-3 The objectives of the Plan are to ensure:

1. ongoing management of the Conservation Area, which includes the Declared Rare Flora, Threatened Ecological Communities and the Conservation Category Wetland (See Figure 3); and
2. ongoing management of the developed site (post-construction).

8-4 The Plan shall include management measures for:

1. identification and protection of endemic fauna;
2. provision and maintenance of ecological linkages;
3. provision of a densely vegetated strip of no less than 10 metres between the development boundary and the wetland;
4. maintenance of fencing;
5. ongoing weeding;
6. ongoing planting of appropriate local species;
7. maintenance of rehabilitation plantings to ensure successful establishment;
8. ongoing monitoring of wetland and vegetation condition;
9. maintenance of paths and access areas;
10. identification and protection of Aboriginal sites; and
11. fire protection.

8-5 The proponent shall implement the Wetland Management Plan required by condition 8-1.

## **9 Drainage and Nutrient Management Plan**

9-1 Prior to commencement of ground disturbance activities, the proponent shall prepare and submit a Drainage and Nutrient Management Plan that meets the objectives set out in Condition 9-3 and the requirements of Condition 9-4 as determined by the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

9-2 In preparing the Plan the proponent shall consult with the DEC and DoW.

9-3 The objectives of the Plan are to:

1. Protect the environmental values of the wetland, adjacent wetlands and waterways;
2. Ensure that the hydrological regime of the conserved wetland is maintained;
3. Prevent or minimise impacts of nutrients, sediments and other pollutants from stormwater on the water quality of the wetland; and
4. Avoid acid sulphate soil drainage impacts on the wetland.

9-4 The Plan shall include management measures for:

1. Acid sulphate soils, including an investigation that details the potential for acid sulphate soils relating to the installation of the perimeter drain and that the subsequent recommendations in the event that ASS be present;
2. Drainage of the site and its potential impacts on the wetland;
3. Stormwater management, including installation of detention basins to minimise impacts of nutrients, sediments and other pollutants on the water quality of the wetland; and
4. Nutrient and irrigation management.

9-5 The proponent shall implement the Drainage and Nutrient Management Plan required by condition 9-1.

#### **Notes**

1. The CEO may seek the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, government agencies and relevant parties, as necessary, for the preparation of written notice to the proponent.

Hon Donna Faragher JP MLC  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; YOUTH**

## Schedule 1

### The Proposal (Assessment No. 1670)

The proposal is the expansion of the Rehoboth Christian School in Kenwick, City of Gosnells on part of lot 107 and Lot 105A (Refer to Figure 1).

The proposal involves:

- development on 1.0 ha of currently undeveloped land most of which is categorised as a Conservation Category Wetland and which includes 0.60 ha of a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC); and
- conservation management of 2.3 ha of two TECs in the remainder of the school lot, including:
  - full rehabilitation of 0.18 ha of TEC claypan wetlands;
  - partial rehabilitation of 0.66 ha of TEC claypan wetlands; and
  - development of a series of management plans for the area, including:
    - Wetland Rehabilitation Plan
    - Wetland Management Plan
    - Drainage and Nutrient Management Plan.

The main characteristics of the proposal are summarised in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 - Key Proposal Characteristics (Assessment No. 1670)**

Characteristic	Description
Project Life	Approximately 6 months for clearing and earthworks
Area of disturbance	Not more than 1.0 ha (refer to Figure 3)
Conservation Area	Not less than 2.3 ha (refer to Figure 3)
Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full rehabilitation of not less than 0.18 ha of TEC claypan wetlands (refer to Figure 2)</li><li>Partial rehabilitation of not less than 0.66 ha of TEC claypan wetlands (refer to Figure 2)</li></ul>
Drainage management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perimeter drain, flowing northwards to existing drain (refer to Figure 1)</li><li>• Grading of playing areas</li><li>• Stormwater recharge through soakwells close to source of run-off</li></ul>

### Abbreviations:

ha – hectares

### Figures (attached)

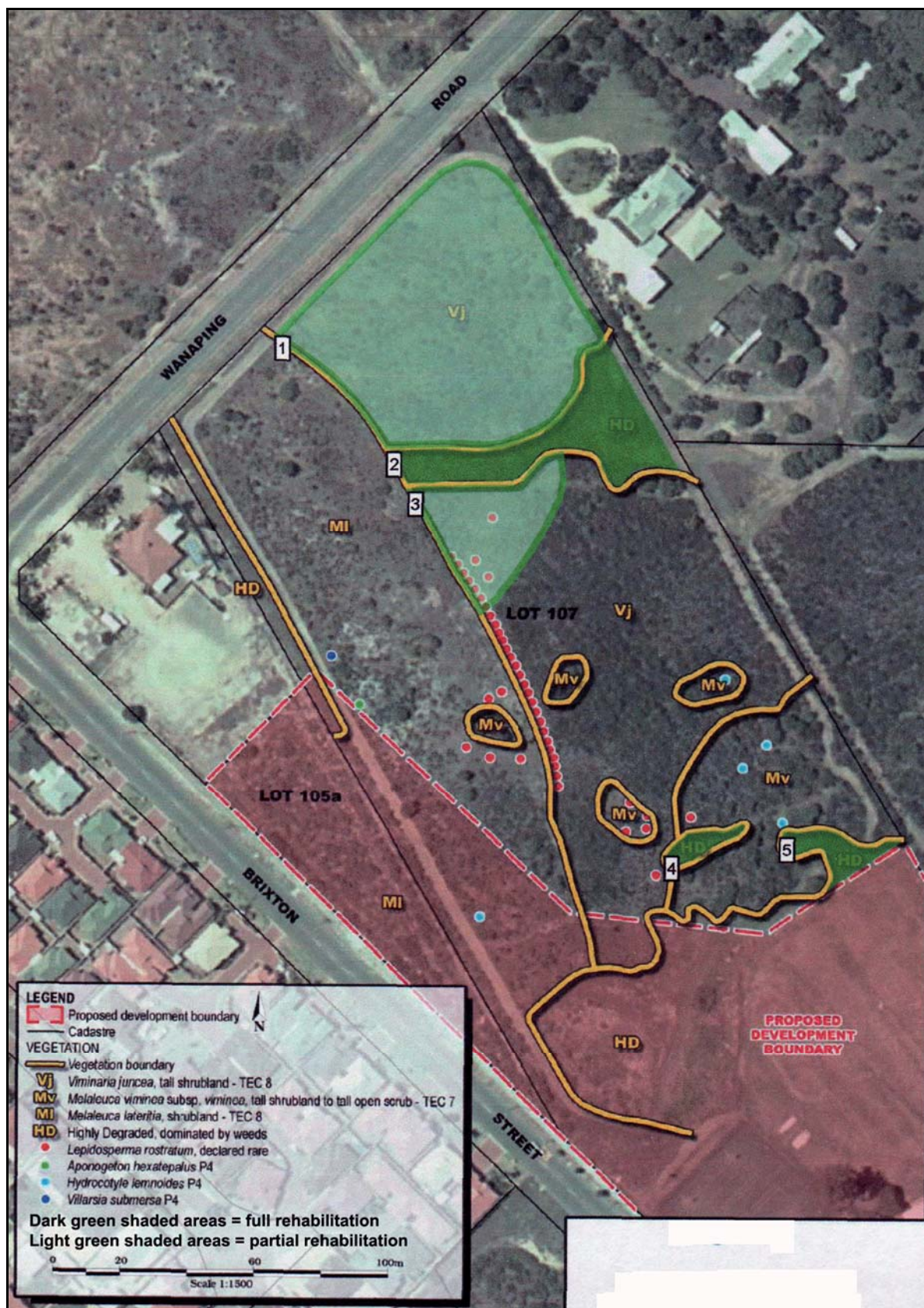
1. Proposal area
2. Vegetation mapping and rehabilitation areas
3. Conservation Area





*Figure 1: Proposal area*





**Figure 2:** Vegetation mapping and rehabilitation areas





*Figure 3: Conservation Area*