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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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

ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE WORKS & EXTENSION OF FLY ASH PONDS, TURKEY POINT, BUNBURY (577)

#### STATE ENERGY COMMISSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

## 1 Proponent Commitments

The proponent has made a number of environmental management commitments in order to protect the environment.

1-1 In implementing the proposal, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments (which are not inconsistent with the conditions or procedures contained in this statement) made and included in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 620. (A copy of the commitments is attached.)

# 2 Implementation

Changes to the proposal which are not substantial may be carried out with the approval of the Minister for the Environment.

2-1 Subject to these conditions, the manner of detailed implementation of the proposal shall conform in substance with that set out in any designs, specifications, plans or other technical material submitted by the proponent to the Environmental Protection Authority with the proposal. Where, in the course of that detailed implementation, the proponent seeks to change those designs, specifications, plans or other technical material in any way that the Minister for the Environment determines on the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, is not substantial, those changes may be effected.

### 3 Inter-agency Agreement

The proponent shall not commence placement of fill prior to the finalisation of a suitable legal agreement between the proponent and the City of Bunbury on conditions and a time frame for the transfer of management responsibility to the City of Bunbury. This agreement shall meet the requirements of the Minister for the Environment.

## 4 Rehabilitation

Prior to transferring management responsibility for the area to the City of Bunbury, the proponent shall monitor and report on progress in the establishment of fauna and flora in the rehabilitated wetland, to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Authority.

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#### 5 Wetland Nomination

Prior to transfer of management responsibility, the proponent shall nominate the rehabilitated wetland for inclusion in the Draft Environmental Protection Policy for Lakes on the Swan Coastal Plain.

## 6 Time Limit on Approval

The environmental approval for the proposal is limited.

6-1 If the proponent has not substantially commenced the project within five years of the date of this statement, then the approval to implement the proposal as granted in this statement shall lapse and be void. The Minister for the Environment shall determine any question as to whether the project has been substantially commenced. Any application to extend the period of five years referred to in this condition shall be made before the expiration of that period, to the Minister for the Environment by way of a request for a change in the condition under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act. (On expiration of the five year period, further consideration of the proposal can only occur following a new referral to the Environmental Protection Authority.).

# 7 Compliance Auditing

In order to ensure that environmental conditions and commitments are met, an audit system is required.

7-1 The proponent shall prepare periodic "Progress and Compliance Reports", to help verify the environmental performance of this project, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority.

#### Procedure

The Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for verifying compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, with the exception of conditions stating that the proponent shall meet the requirements of either the Minister for the Environment or any other government agency.

If the Environmental Protection Authority, other government agency or proponent is in dispute concerning compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, that dispute will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.

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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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#### PROPONENT'S COMMITMENTS

# Additional landscape works & extension of fly ash ponds, Turkey Point, Bunbury (577)

SECWA has made the following formal commitments with respect to the extension of fly ash ponds and enhancement of the wetland area:

- 1. The fly ash pond will be constructed as shown on Figure 1 of the Environmental Enhancement Plan ("The Report"). In accordance with normal design and construction procedures consistent with previous pond construction. The pond will be constructed in two parts; one to receive fly ash slurry and the other to receive decant overflow. Clean supernatart overflow from this pond will be directed to a drain which discharges to Leschenault Inlet under approved licence conditions through Leschenault Inlet Management Authority and the Environmental Protection Authority.
- SECWA will ensure that minimal disturbance will occur to remnant vegetation including the low bund adjacent to the estuary and samphire foreshore, during the pond construction and enhancement stage.
- 3. Topsoil and surface mark that is removed will be stockpiled and later returned to those locations requiring landscaping and planting.
- 4. Planting of trees and shrubs as shown on Figure 6 of the plan will proceed in conjunction with advice from the City of Bunbury and Leschenault Inlet Management Authority so as to achieve the philosophy of enhancement as described in Part 3.3 of the Plan.
- 5. SECWA will construct the tidal pond as shown on Figure 8 of the Plan to ensure adequate tidal flushing.
- 6. Following completion of the works SECWA will monitor the pond for a possible source of mosquito breeding and will implement a control programme in conjunction with advice from the City of Bunbury.
- 7. SECWA will discourage public access to the wetlands by extending the fence line to enclose the tidal pool area.
- 8. SECWA will prepare an information board as an interpreter service to emphasise ecological relationships in the vicinity.
- 9. When a suitable level of rehabilitation has been agreed upon between SECWA, Leschenault Inlet Management Authority and the City of Bunbury the area will be resumed by the leaseholder (City of Bunbury) for future management.