



MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Statement No.

000620

**STATEMENT TO AMEND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 46 OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

RELOCATION OF THE CEDRIC STREET WETLAND, CITY OF STIRLING

Proponent: City of Stirling

Proponent Address: Civic Place, STIRLING WA 6021

Assessment Number: 1449

Previous Assessment Numbers: 729 and 1209

Previous Statement Numbers: Statement No. 314 published on 19 April 1993; and
Statement No. 522 published on 17 September 1999.

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: Bulletin 1069

Previous Reports of the Environmental Protection Authority: Bulletins 658 and 935.

The implementation of the proposal to which the above reports of the Environmental Protection Authority relate is subject to the conditions and procedures contained in Ministerial Statement No. 522 (17 September 1999), as amended by the following:

Condition 9 (Commencement) of Statement No. 522 is deleted and the following condition is inserted:

9-1 If the proponent has not substantially commenced the proposal by 17 September 2003, then the approval to implement the proposal as granted in the statement published on 19 April 1993 shall lapse and be void. The Minister for the Environment and Heritage will determine any question as to whether the proposal has been substantially commenced.

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The following condition is inserted immediately following condition 10 (Compliance Auditing) of Statement No. 522:

11 Acid Sulfate Soils Investigation and Management Plan

11-1 Prior to any ground-disturbing activities associated with the re-creation of wetlands, the proponent shall prepare an Acid Sulfate Soils Investigation and Management Plan to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority.

The objectives of the plan are:

- to ensure that any ground-disturbing activities which may disturb acid sulfate soils and/or contaminated waters are planned and managed to avoid adverse effects on the natural and built environment, human activities and health.

The plan shall address:

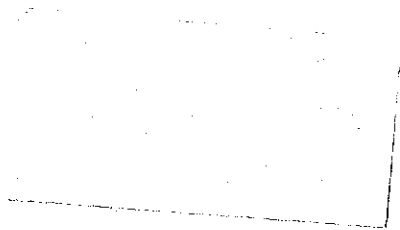
1. identification of acid sulfate soils in and near areas proposed to be disturbed; and
2. planning of wetland replacement projects to avoid disturbing acid sulfate soils in the first instance.

The plan shall also address the following in the event that the disturbance of acid sulfate soils is unavoidable:

3. potential on-site and off-site effects of the disturbance of the acid sulfate soils and/or groundwater levels;
4. how drainage, dewatering or soil extraction will be undertaken to minimise environmental impacts;
5. how any acid leachate generated as a result of ground-disturbing activities will be managed;
6. management of areas, both on and off-site, used to store or treat extracted soil;
7. comprehensive surface and ground water quality monitoring both on and off-site, if applicable;
8. establishment of agreed performance criteria and objectives in relation to environmental and social impacts; and
9. contingency measures and procedures in the event that the agreed performance criteria may not be met.

11-2 The proponent shall implement the Acid Sulfate Soils Investigation and Management Plan required by condition 11-1, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority.

The revised Schedule 1 is attached.



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Schedule 1

The Proposal (Assessment No. 1449)

The objective of the proposal is the re-creation of a wetland or wetlands adjacent to the existing Osborne Park Branch Drain. It is considered that the wetland/s will replace and, in most cases, greatly improve upon the ecological, hydrological and social functions currently associated with the Cedric Street wetland.

The water surface area expressed by each wetland will be at least 1,000 square metres as at the first week of summer of any year. This is consistent with wetland criteria proposed in the Environmental Protection Authority's *Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Lakes) Policy 1992*.

The replacement wetland/s has/have the potential to possess the following natural and human use benefits:

- 1 a greater diversity of wetland types;
- 2 providing a variety of waterbird habitats (open water roosting, feeding, breeding and loafing sites); and
- 3 creating landscape features which can be utilised for public enjoyment.

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

Table 1 - Key Proposal Characteristics (Assessment No. 1449)

Element	Description
Objective	Re-creation of a wetland or wetlands within the boundaries of the Stirling Regional Centre and adjacent to the existing Osborne Park Branch Drain which will replace and, in most cases, greatly improve upon the ecological, hydrological and social functions currently associated with the Cedric Street wetland and the dampland to the south of the wetland.
Conceptual design	The water surface area expressed by the wetland/s will be at least 1,000 square metres as at the first week of summer of any year. This is consistent with wetland criteria proposed in the Environmental Protection Authority's <i>Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Lakes) Policy 1992</i> .
Functions	<p>The replacement wetlands will have the potential for the following natural and human use benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 a greater diversity of wetland types; 2 providing a variety of waterbird habitats (open water roosting, feeding, breeding and loafing sites); and 3 creating landscape features which can be utilised for public enjoyment.
Management	Environmental Management Plan incorporating environmental objectives, monitoring, specific construction details of replacement wetlands, and management responsibilities.
Time limit	Proposal to be substantially commenced within two years.