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Statement No. 884

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

**COASTAL WALK TRAIL FROM POINT ANN TO HAMERSLEY INLET –
FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK**

Proposal: The proposal is to construct and operate a walk trail along the coast from Point Ann to Hamersley Inlet within Fitzgerald River National Park.

The proposal is further documented in schedule 1 of this statement.

Proponent: Department of Environment and Conservation

Proponent Address: The Atrium
168 St George's Terrace,
PERTH WA 6000

Assessment Number: 1885

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: Report 1396

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 documented 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 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 of the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (CEO) 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 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 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 prepare and maintain a compliance assessment plan to the satisfaction of the CEO.
- 4-2 The proponent shall submit to the CEO the compliance assessment plan required by condition 4-1 at least six months prior to the first compliance report required by condition 4-6, or prior to implementation, whichever is sooner.

The compliance assessment plan shall indicate:

- 1 the frequency of compliance reporting;
 - 2 the approach and timing of compliance assessments;
 - 3 the retention of compliance assessments;
 - 4 the method of reporting of potential non-compliances and corrective actions taken;
 - 5 the table of contents of compliance assessment reports; and
 - 6 public availability of compliance assessment reports.
- 4-3 The proponent shall assess compliance with conditions in accordance with the compliance assessment plan required by condition 4-1.

- 4-4 The proponent shall retain reports of all compliance assessments described in the compliance assessment plan required by condition 4-1 and shall make those reports available when requested by the CEO.
- 4-5 The proponent shall advise the CEO of any potential non-compliance within seven days of that non-compliance being known.
- 4-6 The proponent shall submit to the CEO the first compliance assessment report fifteen months from the date of issue of this Statement addressing the twelve month period from the date of issue of this Statement and then annually from the date of submission of the first compliance assessment report.

The compliance assessment report shall:

- 1 be endorsed by the proponent's Director General or a person delegated to sign on the Director General's behalf;
- 2 include a statement as to whether the proponent has complied with the conditions;
- 3 identify all potential non-compliances and describe corrective and preventative actions taken;
- 4 be made publicly available in accordance with the approved compliance assessment plan; and
- 5 indicate any proposed changes to the compliance assessment plan required by condition 4-1.

5 Protection of Wilderness Management Zone

- 5-1 The proponent shall not implement any aspect of the proposal within the Wilderness Management Zone as depicted in Figure 1.

Pre-construction and Construction Phases

6 Environmental Management Plan

- 6-1 Prior to the commencement of construction of the proposal, the proponent shall prepare an Environmental Management Plan for the construction of the proposal to the satisfaction of the CEO.

The primary objective of the Environmental Management Plan is to ensure that dieback disease (*Phytophthora* species) is not introduced as a direct or indirect result of construction activities into uninfected areas of the proposal area. Other potential impacts associated with construction including, but not limited to, weeds, fire, erosion and uncontrolled access, shall be addressed in the Plan.

- 6-2 During the construction phase, the proponent shall implement the Environmental Management Plan referred to in condition 6-1.
- 6-3 During the construction phase, the proponent shall annually review and report progress on conditions 6-1 and 6-2 in the compliance assessment report required by condition 4-6.

7 Flora and Vegetation

- 7-1 Prior to the commencement of construction of the proposal, the proponent shall conduct a detailed flora and vegetation survey of the proposal area to the satisfaction of the CEO.
- 7-2 Prior to the commencement of construction of the proposal, the proponent shall use the results of the detailed flora and vegetation survey required by condition 7-1 to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the CEO that the proposal has been located to avoid, where practicable, populations of rare or threatened communities or species, or species of restricted regional distribution.
- 7-3 Prior to the commencement of construction of the proposal, the proponent shall establish reference sites to monitor potential impacts on flora and vegetation in the vicinity of the proposal.
- 7-4 During the construction phase, the proponent shall monitor the reference sites referred to in Condition 7-3 and report the results in the compliance assessment report required by condition 4-6.

Operational Phase

8 Dieback Risk Assessment

- 8-1 Prior to the commencement of the operation of the proposal, the proponent shall prepare a Dieback Risk Assessment for the operation of the proposal to the satisfaction of the CEO.

The primary objective of the Dieback Risk Assessment is to identify appropriate Phytophthora dieback disease risk management strategies for the operation of the proposal.

- 8-2 The proponent shall commission an Independent Specialist to review the Dieback Risk Assessment for the operation of the proposal, with the Independent Specialist's assessment report being provided to the CEO within 20 business days of it being received by the proponent.

9 Dieback Management Plan

- 9-1 Prior to the commencement of the operation of the proposal, the proponent shall prepare a Dieback Management Plan for the operation of the proposal to the satisfaction of the CEO.

The objective of the Dieback Management Plan is to ensure that *Phytophthora* dieback disease is not introduced into uninfected areas of the Fitzgerald River National Park during the ongoing management of the proposal.

9-2 The Dieback Management Plan shall include, but not limited to:

1. the findings and outcomes from the Dieback Risk Assessment required by condition 8-1;
2. hygiene management measures to prevent the introduction of dieback disease;
3. surveys of the project area to identify and map the location of any dieback infestations;
4. a baseline map of any previously identified dieback infestations;
5. procedures for limiting and authorising access to areas that are dieback infected;
6. infrastructure and maintenance requirements;
7. public education programs and facilities; and
8. a dieback response plan detailing actions and contingency measures that will be taken if the proposal area is found to be infected by *Phytophthora* dieback including containment, resourcing and remedial treatment of *Phytophthora* dieback.

9-3 The proponent shall implement the Dieback Management Plan required by condition 9-1 during the ongoing operation of the proposal.

9-4 The proponent shall review annually the approved Dieback Management Plan required by condition 9-1 and report the results in the compliance assessment report required by condition 4-6.

9-5 The proponent shall make the Dieback Management Plan required by Conditions 9-1 publicly available.

10 Staging of Plans

10-1 Where a plan, assessment or survey is required by these conditions to be prepared and approved prior to the commencement of an activity, it is required that the plan, assessment or survey can be prepared and approved as per the relevant condition requirements for a component or stage of the activity, allowing staged implementation.

[Signed 22 December 2011]

**HON BILL MARMION MLA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER**

Notes

1. The Minister for Environment will determine any dispute between the proponent and the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority over the fulfilment of the requirements of the conditions.

The Proposal (Assessment No. 1885)

The proposal is to construct and operate:

- a walk trail along the coast from Point Ann to Hamersley Inlet within Fitzgerald River National Park;
- overnight camping areas with facilities of a shelter, toilet and a water tank at Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays and Quoin Head;
- a trail head at each end of the walk trail at Point Ann and Hamersley Inlet comprising of a shelter, boot cleaning station and an information panel with details of the Park, the walk, disease hygiene and boot cleaning and registration; and
- smaller trail heads at the overnight camping areas at Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays and Quoin Head.

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

Table 1: Summary of Key Proposal Characteristics

Element	Description
Coastal walk trail	A walk trail from Point Ann to Hamersley Inlet, Fitzgerald River National Park. Construct the trail to various classifications between Class 3 and Class 4 according Australian Standards AS 2156.1-2001 Infrastructure Design and 2156.2001 Walking Tracks-Classification Signage.
Overnight camping facilities	Shelter, toilet and water tank at Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays and Quoin Head.
Trail Head	Shelter, boot cleaning station and an information panel at Point Ann and Hamersley Inlet. Smaller trail heads at Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays and Quoin Head.
Access Tracks	Use existing access tracks for construction and maintenance including Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays, Marshes, Lagoon, Telegraph and Quoin Head tracks.

Attachments

Figure 1 Approved Extent of Coastal Walk Trail and Facilities between Point Ann and Hamersley Inlet in the Fitzgerald River National Park (no development within Wilderness Management Zone).



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Attachment 1 to Ministerial Statement 884

Change to proposal under s45C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal: Coastal Walk Trail Point Ann to Hamersley Inlet – Fitzgerald River National Park

Proponent: Department of Environment and Conservation

Change: Two walk trails; an Eastern walk trail from Quoin Head to Cave Point including a spur trail to Hamersley Inlet; and a Western trail from Point Ann to Fitzgerald Inlet with shorter walk option at Lake Nameless; reduction and relocation of overnight camping, and amendment to Wilderness Management Zone Boundary.

Key Characteristics Table: This table replaces Table 1 in Schedule 1

<u>Element</u>	<u>Description of proposal</u>	<u>Description of approved change to proposal</u>
Coastal walk trail	<p>A walk trail from Point Ann to Hamersley Inlet, Fitzgerald River National Park.</p> <p>Construct the trail to various classifications between Class 3 and Class 4 according to Australian Standards AS 2156.1-2001 Infrastructure Design and 2156.2001 Walking Tracks-Classification Signage.</p>	<p>Two walk trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an eastern walk trail from Quoin Head to Cave Point including a spur trail to Hamersley Inlet; and • a western walk trail from Point Ann to Fitzgerald Inlet with shorter walk option at Lake Nameless. <p>Construct the trail to various classifications between Class 3 and Class 4 according to Australian Standards AS 2156.1-2001 Infrastructure Design and 2156.2001 Walking Tracks-Classification Signage.</p>
Overnight camping facilities	Shelter, toilet and water tank at Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays and Quoin Head.	Shelter, toilet and water tank at Whalebone Beach. At Fitzgerald Inlet, provision of a toilet and tent based camping.
Trail Head	Shelter, boot cleaning station and an information panel at Point Ann and Hamersley Inlet. Smaller trail heads at Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays and Quoin Head.	Shelter, boot cleaning station and an information panel at Point Ann, Hamersley Inlet and Cave Point. Smaller trail heads at Fitzgerald Inlet, Quoin Head.

Access Tracks	Use existing access tracks for construction and maintenance including Fitzgerald Inlet, Twin Bays, Marshes, Lagoon, Telegraph and Quoin Head tracks.	Use existing access tracks for construction and maintenance including Quoin Head, Whalebone Beach, Edwards Point, Cave Point, Hamersley Inlet and Point Ann tracks.
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Note: Text in **bold** in the Key Characteristics Table, indicates change/s to the proposal.

List of Replacement Figures and Schedules:

Figures 1 and 2 of Attachment 1 replace Figure 1 in Schedule 1

Dr Paul Vogel
CHAIRMAN
Environmental Protection Authority
under delegated authority

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Coastal Walk Trail (Eastern) Amended Proposal

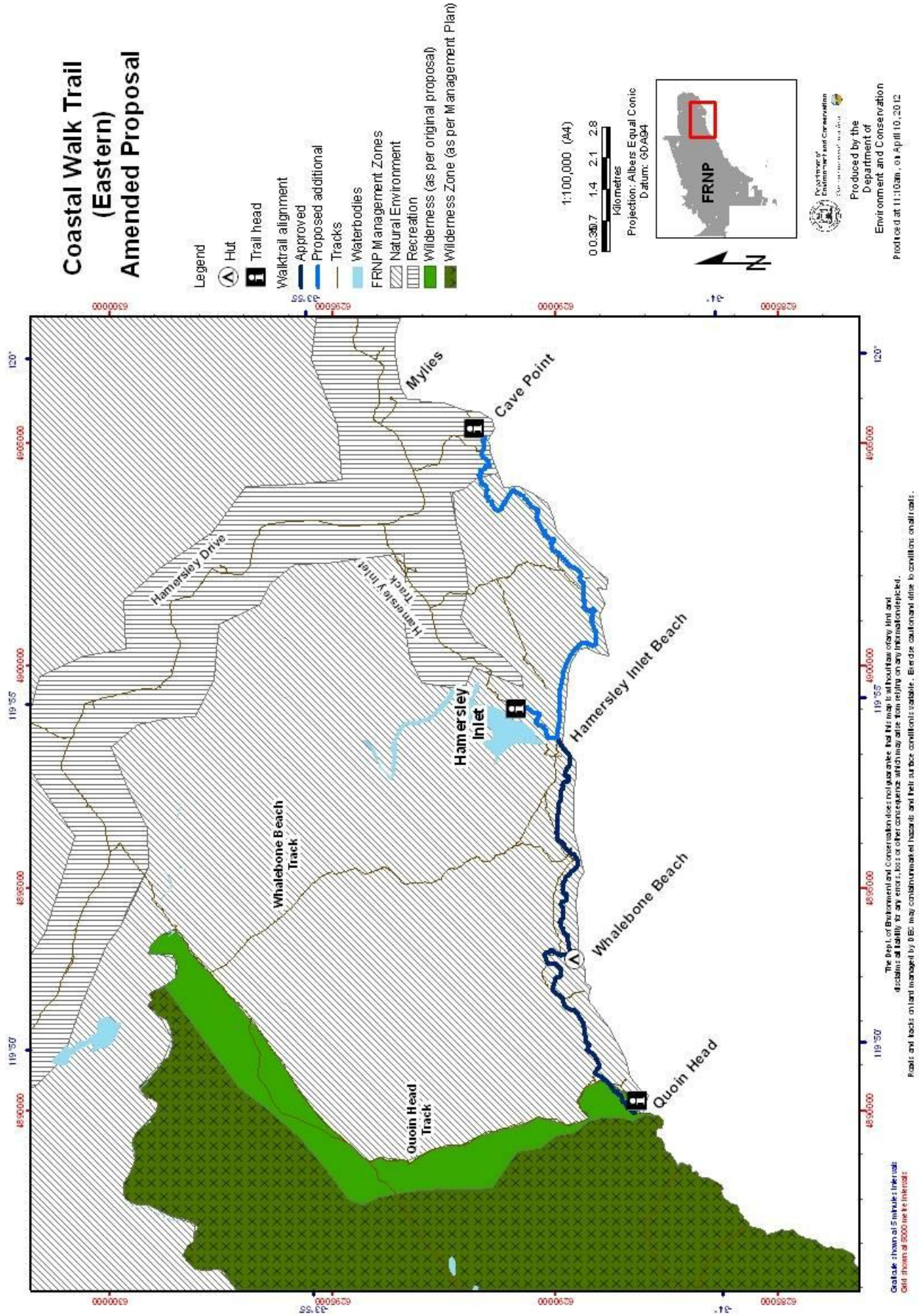


Figure 1: Coastal Walk Trial (Eastern) Amendment

The Dept. of Environment and Conservation does not guarantee that this map is without error and disclaims liability for any error, loss or other consequence arising from relying on any information depicted. Roads and tracks on land managed by DEC may contain natural hazards and their surface conditions variable. Exercise caution and drive to conditions on all trails.

Geotack shown at 5 metre intervals. Contour shown at 5000 metre intervals.

Coastal Walk Trail (Western) Amended Proposal

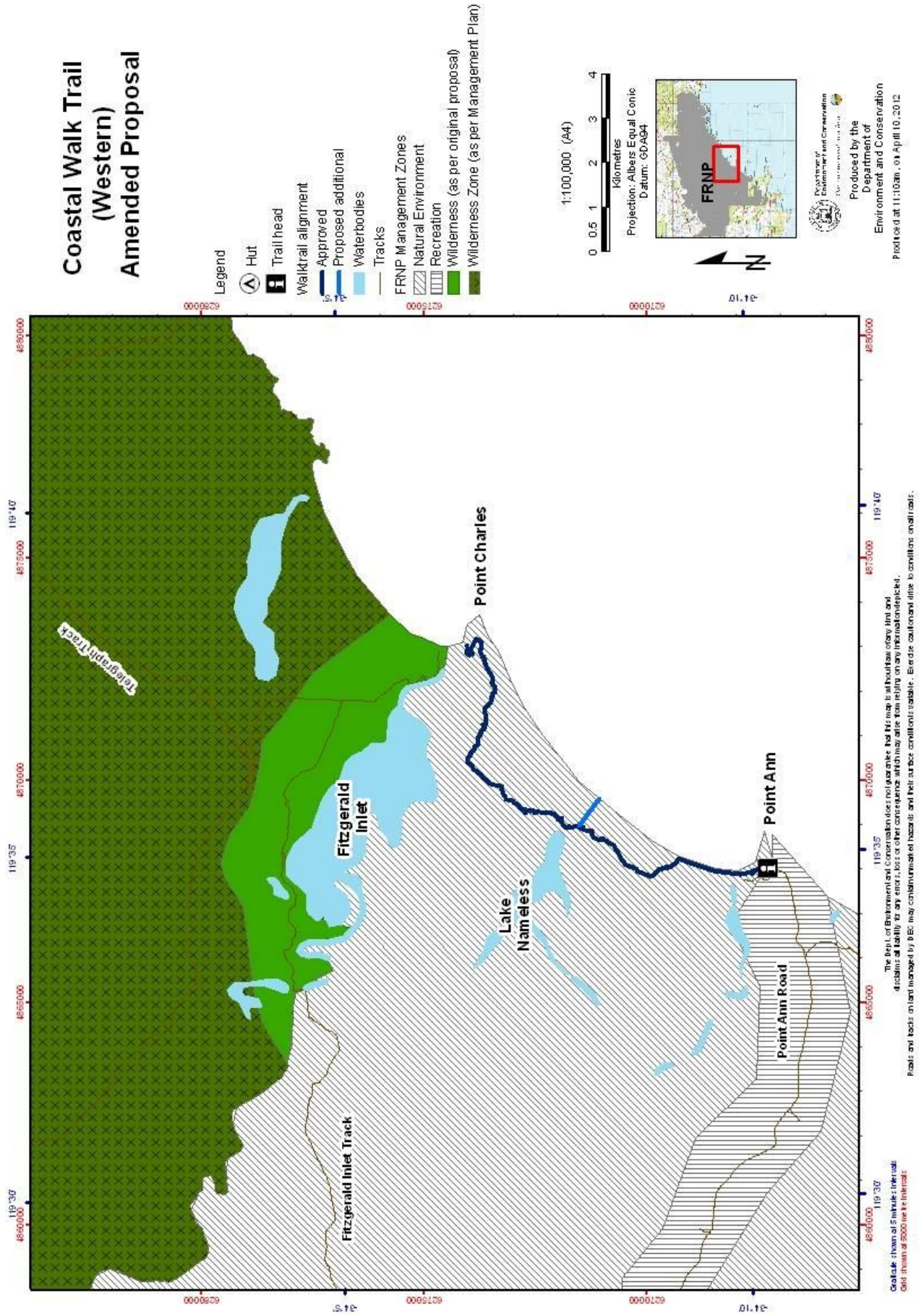


Figure 2: Coastal Walk Trail (Western) Amendment