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Dear Sir/Madam

**DECISION UNDER SECTION 48A(1)(a)
*Environmental Protection Act 1986***

SCHEME:	Shire of Katanning Local Planning Scheme 5
LOCATION:	Shire of Katanning
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:	Shire of Katanning
DECISION:	Scheme Not Assessed: Advice Given (no appeals)

Thank you for referring the above proposed scheme to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

After consideration of the information provided by you, the EPA considers that the proposed scheme should not be assessed under Part IV Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) but nevertheless provides the attached advice and recommendations.

Please note the following:

- For the purposes of Part IV of the EP Act, the scheme is defined as an assessed scheme. In relation to the implementation of the scheme, please note the requirements of Part IV Division 4 of the EP Act.
- There is no appeal right in respect of the EPA's decision to not assess the scheme.

A copy of this letter and the attached advice and recommendations will be made available to the public via the EPA website.

Yours sincerely

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Darren Foster
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Delegate of the Chairman of the Environmental Protection Authority
Under Notice of Delegation No. 33 published 17 December 2013

6 July 2015

Encl. Scheme Advice and Recommendations

**ADVICE UNDER SECTION 48A(1)(a)
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986**

Shire of Katanning Local Planning Scheme 5

Determination: Scheme **Not** Assessed – Advice **Given** (no appeals)

Determination Published: 6 July 2015

Summary

The Shire of Katanning proposes to replace its existing Town Planning Scheme 4 with Local Planning Scheme 5.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has considered the scheme in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). In making its decision on whether to assess the scheme, the EPA has applied its 'Significance Framework' which relates to the extent to which the scheme meets the EPA's environmental objectives for the environmental factors.

The EPA considers that the scheme is unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment and does not warrant formal assessment under Part IV of the EP Act. The potential impacts from the scheme can be adequately managed to meet the EPA's objectives through the implementation of the Shire of Katanning's scheme provisions, management plans and regulated through other statutory processes.

1. Environmental Factors

The EPA has identified the following preliminary environmental factors relevant to this scheme:

- Flora and vegetation;
- Terrestrial fauna; and
- Terrestrial environmental quality.

2. Advice and Recommendations regarding Environmental Factors

The EPA has based its decision on the scheme documentation provided by the Shire of Katanning and advice from other government agencies.

The EPA expects that detailed management plans and scheme provisions to address environmental factors such as Flora and vegetation, Terrestrial fauna, and Terrestrial environmental quality will be undertaken prior to the finalisation of the structure plans for each of the 'Future Development Areas'.

The EPA is aware that the clearing of native and regrowth vegetation in the future development areas is likely to add to or exacerbate the existing salinity problem. Therefore the EPA recommends that revegetation is undertaken within the town site of Katanning to replace the native vegetation to be cleared for development. The rate of revegetation should be at least double the area of clearing to allow for revegetation failure.