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Dear Sir/Madam

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

SCHEME: Shire of Irwin Local Planning Scheme 5
Amendment 17
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: Shire of Irwin
DECISION: Scheme Not Assessed: Advice Given (no
appeals)

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

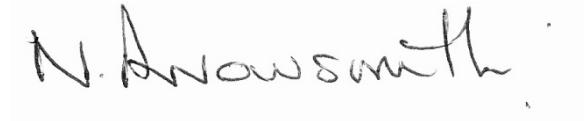
After consideration of the information provided by you, the EPA considers that the proposed scheme should not be assessed under Part IV Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) but nevertheless provides the attached advice and recommendations.

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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Naomi Arrowsmith
A/Director
Strategic Policy and Planning Division

For the Chairman of the Environmental Protection Authority
Under Notice of Delegation No. 33 dated 6 December 2013

29 December 2014

Encl. Scheme Advice and Recommendations

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

Shire of Irwin Local Planning Scheme 5 Amendment 17

Determination: Not Assessed – Advice Given

Determination Published: 29 December 2014

Summary

The Shire of Irwin proposes to rezone Lots 15, 16, 17 Francisco Road Bonniefield from 'General Farming' to 'Development'.

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

The EPA considers that the scheme amendment 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 amendment can be adequately managed to meet the EPA's objectives through the implementation of the responsible authority's scheme provisions, management plans and regulated through other statutory processes.

1. Environmental Factors

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

- Flora and Vegetation

2. Advice and Recommendations regarding Environmental Issues

The EPA has based its assessment on the Scheme Amendment documentation provided by the Shire of Irwin. The EPA expects that further detailed management plans and scheme provisions to address environmental factors such as Flora and Vegetation will be addressed prior to the finalisation of the structure plan.

Flora and Vegetation

The EPA advises that Reserve 23600, south of the amendment area, is the only nature reserve located within the coastal strip between Kalbarri and Dongara. About 75% of the subject site contains remnant vegetation considered to be in "Good" condition.

The EPA supports the recommendation of the Shire of Irwin Local Planning Scheme No.5 Amendment No. 17 Report, dated November 2014, to retain an area of *Melaleuca lanceolata* (Low Open Forest over *Acacia rostellifera* Tall Shrubland) on Lot 17 and a smaller area of

Eucalyptus obtusiflora Tree Mallee over *Acacia rostellifera* (Tall Open Scrub) on Lot 15 as these vegetation types are considered to be locally significant. The EPA does however recommend that these areas be increased to further protect these locally significant vegetation types.

The EPA considers potential impacts to Flora and Vegetation can be adequately managed, where appropriate, through detailed planning processes and in consultation with the Department of Parks and Wildlife, Department of Water and other relevant agencies to meet the EPA's objective.