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Dear Ms Fagan

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

SCHEME	Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1372/57
LOCATION	Part Lot 800 Canning Road, Carmel (Heidelberg Park)
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY	Western Australian Planning Commission
DECISION	Referral Examined, Preliminary Investigations and Inquiries Conducted. Scheme Amendment Not to be Assessed Under Part IV of EP Act. Advice Given. (Not Appealable)

Thank you for referring the above 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. I have also attached a copy of the Chairman's determination of the scheme.

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 the Chairman's determination, 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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Anthony Sutton
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26 June 2020

Encl. Chairman's Determination
Scheme Advice and Recommendations

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

Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1372/57

Location: Part Lot 800 Canning Road, Carmel (Heidelberg Park)

Determination: Scheme Not Assessed – Advice Given (not appealable)

Determination Published: 29 June 2020

Summary

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) proposes to transfer approximately 10.78 ha of land forming part of Lot 800 Canning Road, Carmel (Lot 800) from the Parks and Recreation reservation to the Urban zone in the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS). The proposed MRS Urban zoning will allow for aged persons facilities and public open space for recreation and conservation purposes following a local scheme amendment, detailed structure planning and subdivision approval.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has considered the scheme amendment in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). 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 EPA has based its decision on the documentation provided by the WAPC. Having considered this matter the following advice is provided.

Environmental Factors

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

- Flora and Vegetation
- Terrestrial Fauna

Advice and Recommendations regarding Environmental Factors

Lot 800, also referred to as 'Heidelberg Park' is 13.56 hectares (ha) in size. Approximately 10.78 ha is proposed to be zoned Urban. The remaining 2.78 ha Parks and Recreation area will be added to the adjoining Korung National Park and managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

The EPA notes that Lot 800 has been historically cleared with remnant vegetation varying from completely degraded to excellent condition. The EPA supports the retention of remnant vegetation and threatened species of black cockatoo habitat in Public Open Space. The EPA's Environmental Protection Bulletin No. 20 *Protection of naturally vegetated areas through planning and development* provides advice on the protection of vegetated areas in urban environments.

The EPA recommends the provision of an appropriate interface between future urban development and Korung National Park, in consultation with the DBCA. Future residents within the proposed urban area should be made aware of operational management activities undertaken within Korung National Park, including prescribed burning and feral animal and weed control.

The EPA recommends that bushfire management plans required for development on Lot 800 ensure that all fire protection requirements are provided for within the development area without reliance upon fire management undertaken within Korung National Park.

Conclusion

The EPA concludes that the scheme amendment can be managed to meet the EPA's environmental objectives through existing planning controls. The EPA recommends its advice is implemented to mitigate potential impacts to Flora and Vegetation, and Terrestrial Fauna.