



Environmental Protection Authority

s.48A Referrals

Title: Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1444 – Lots 1 and 2 Helena Valley Road

Location: Lots 1 and 2 Helena Valley Road, Helena Valley.

Description: Amendment 1444 proposes to rezone and reclassify Lots 1 and 2 Helena Valley Road in Helena Valley from 'Rural' zone to 'Urban' zone and 'Regional Open Space' (ROS) reserve in the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

Ref ID: APP-0030685 / REC-0001609

Date Received: 21/08/2025 **Date Sufficient Information Received:** 21/08/2025

Responsible Authority: Western Australian Planning Commission

Contact: Lainy Collisson

Preliminary Environmental Factors: Flora and vegetation, Terrestrial fauna, Inland waters and Social surroundings

Potential Significant Effects: The amendment area, which abuts the Helena River, has been partially developed and contains remnant vegetation including mature trees. Implementation of the amendment may result in the clearing of vegetation including mature trees which may provide habitat for threatened species of black cockatoos. Future development may impact surface and groundwater and an Aboriginal Heritage Site.

Protection: The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) notes that potential impacts to the above environmental factors can be mitigated through existing local planning scheme provisions, future planning processes and compliance with the obligations of the *Government Sewerage Policy 2019* and the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. The EPA supports the indicative concept plan which provides for retention of Bush Forever site 215, potential black cockatoo habitat and floodway/flood fringe areas within the designated ROS reserve and mature Marri trees within road reserves.

Determination: **Referral Examined, Preliminary Investigations and Inquiries Conducted. Scheme Amendment Not to be Assessed under Part IV of the EP Act. No Advice Given (Not Appealable).**

The EPA has carried out some investigations and inquiries before deciding not to assess this scheme. In deciding not to formally assess schemes, the EPA has determined that no further assessment is required by the EPA. This Determination is not appealable.

Chair's Initials:

Date: 09 September 2025