



Environmental Protection Authority

s.48A Referrals

Title: Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6 Amendment No.8

Location: Various areas under the Scheme

Description: The purpose of this omnibus amendment is to amend several parts of the scheme consistent with the 'Report of Review' considered by the Western Australian Planning Commission in May 2022. This Amendment includes rezoning and mapping changes.

Ref ID: APP- 0025404

Date Received: 24/06/2024 **Date Sufficient Information Received:** 24/06/2024

Responsible Authority: Shire of Merredin, PO Box 42, Merredin, WA, 6415

Contact: Peter Zenni

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

Potential Significant Effects: Implementation of the amendment may result in the clearing of remnant vegetation, that may provide habitat for threatened fauna and impacts to general amenity.

Protection: Potential impacts associated with implementation of the scheme amendment are unlikely to be significant and may be mitigated by way of future planning processes and scheme provisions. Considering the highly cleared broader area, the retention of vegetation should be a high priority when considering future development and subdivision. The Shire should consult with relevant agencies such as the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for advice concerning future development and retention of vegetation.

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 Environmental Protection Authority (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.

Deputy Chair's Initials:

Date: 10 July 2024