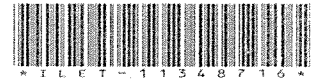




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Our ref: 805-2-13-2
Enquiries:

Mr Bob Jarvis
Chief Executive Officer
Town of Bassendean
48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean WA 61

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Date: 11.11.2016
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Dear Mr Jarvis

ASHFIELD FLATS RESERVE – CONTEMPLATIVE PARK AND WILDLIFE OBSERVATORY

I refer to your letter of 11 October regarding the development of a contemplative and wildlife observation park and lookout on land overlooking Ashfield Flats. The Director General has requested I respond to you directly.

In considering your request I also refer to my response to your letter also of 11 October 2016 (your ref OLET- 6249716) regarding Riverbank Funding as this is related.

In respect to the Contemplative Park and Wildlife Observatory, the location referred to is part of Lot 821, 52 Villiers Street, Bassendean (CT 2584/600), owned and managed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). The land is currently included in Bush Forever site 214. The lot includes the elevated vacant, 'degraded' portion referred to in the Ashfield CAN letter, as well as the North Western corner of the wetland immediately adjacent to the main Water Corporation drain.

The unmade continuation of Villiers Street runs adjacent to the Northern border of the lot, which contains the channel noted in the Ashfield CAN letter as "a meandering creek". This appears to be an unmanaged stormwater drain outlet with some weed species and trees that discharges into the wetland below. As an unmade road it is under Town of Bassendean control.

In considering the Town of Bassendean's (the Town) request to develop a contemplative and wildlife observation park and lookout, the Department would consider supporting the Ashfield CAN proposal on condition that the Town take ownership of the portion of the lot required.

As you may be aware, the site was potentially contaminated during the development of the subdivision of the old Lot 663 in 2014/2015. As a consequence, the Department of Lands is unwilling to take this lot for inclusion as

State Land and a vesting arrangement to the Town of Bassendean would not be possible.

The WAPC is not able to support the use of the land as requested, while it remains in their ownership, due to the increase in ongoing management costs relating to a local public reserve and the increased risk arising from public use of the area as proposed in the Ashfield CAN proposal.

The Department of Planning considers it appropriate to enter into a formal arrangement of ownership by the Town for the purpose outlined and is willing to meet and discuss this further and to propose financial assistance through the Area Assistance Grants Scheme, once ownership has been agreed to.

If you would like to propose a meeting time and contact person and either myself or another Property staff member will be happy to meet and discuss further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hawkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Hawkins
Manager Acquisition, Management, Disposals

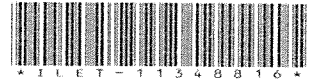
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Town of Bassendean
48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean WA 609

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Dear Mr Jarvis

RIVERBANK FUNDING - ASHFIELD FLATS RESERVE

Thank you for your letter regarding Department of Planning (DoP) support for an application to the Swan River Trust for Riverbank Funding to develop a Management Plan for Ashfield Flats. The Director General has asked me to respond to your letter.

I appreciate the value that the Town of Bassendean and its resident's places on the Ashfield Flats, however I feel it would be premature to seek funding to undertake work on a potential management plan prior to a decision on the end management of this reserve.

While an objective of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee, to which the DoP provides a representative, is to prepare a management plan for the Ashfield Flats, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) pursues formal management plans only when an "End Manager" has been identified and agreed to.

This position is based on a number of factors, including the temporary or interim WAPC ownership and the funding mechanism for the WAPC to acquire and manage land. As the reserve is also a Bush Forever site (site 214) there are prior policies in place that recommend management of similar reserves by organisations best placed to undertake management, including Conservation Commission for areas of highest conservation requiring specialist land management, or the Local Government where lower levels of land management is required (see the DoP's Bush Forever 2000 publication, and State Planning Policy 2.8 Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region).

It is also a requirement of the Department of Lands to have a management vesting agreed to prior to transfer of property to the State of WA, such that formal management is able to be transferred to the managing body immediately post land transfer.

In establishing the End Manager, the WAPC will seek a formal agreement from the organisation(s) responsible for the management of a reserve and will provide assurances to the Department of Lands that this has occurred.

The DoP considers a Management Plan to be in keeping with the requirements of Part V Division 1 of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, as required by the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Future management of the Ashfield Flats by the appropriate organisations that are best placed to care for the land is seen to be the most appropriate outcome, as the broad acre management principles that are in use at the DoP will not achieve sustainable objectives that meet local requirements.

Previous reviews of Ashfield Flats consider it a mixture of conservation wetland and open parkland. Ownership is predominantly by the WAPC, with unmade roads and some land ownership with the Town of Bassendean, as well as two drainage channels owned by the Water Corporation.

Items such as foreshore restoration, as noted in your letter, weed and fire management, path relocation and fencing may require specific programs of work to enhance the use of the Flats and reduce future management expenditure.

Land amalgamation, road closures and drainage management are larger programs that require consultation between several parties to resolve and may reflect on the eventual makeup of the areas under management.

The DoP understands that these programs may take some time to undertake and that the eventual transfer of land and implementation of the Management Plan for future management may not occur until such time as they are underway. Any proposed agreement will outline this as well as other interim arrangements as required to ensure that future management of the area is as cost effective as possible.

If the Town of Bassendean is willing to discuss this situation further on the basis of resolving future management, the DoP will consult with your staff to determine the details of how we can progress the matters identified and provide relevant funding.

I consider this as the most appropriate means to move forward with resolving a management plan for the Ashfield Flats and as a means of meeting the aims of the River Parks Committee.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Hawkins
Manager Acquisition, Management, Disposals

11 November 2016

Our ref: OLET-6487217

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Hon Donna Faragher MLC
Minister for Planning
7th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Minister

ASHFIELD FLATS RESERVE MANAGEMENT

Since 2006, the Town of Bassendean has been lobbying the respective State Governments for Ashfield Flats Reserve to be vested with a State Government agency that has the appropriate portfolio to rehabilitate and maintain this regional and significant wetland for the long-term management of the entire community.

As you would most likely be aware, Ashfield Flats Reserve represents the largest remaining river flat in the Perth Metropolitan Area (Swan River Trust 1997; State Planning Commission 1987) and covers approximately 64 hectares. It is listed as a Bush Forever Site No.214 (Department of Environmental Protection 2000) and the site is listed in the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.

Currently the majority of Ashfield Flats Reserve is owned freehold by the West Australian Planning Commission and managed by the Department for Planning.

With the upcoming State Election, the Town of Bassendean is keen to understand if the Liberal Party would initiate the vesting of Ashfield Flats Reserve to an appropriate State Government agency whose primary responsibility is to conserve, protect and manage natural areas such as the Department of Parks and Wildlife or Botanical Parks and Gardens Authority.

It would be appreciated if the Liberal Party could provide a clear indication of when Ashfield Flats Reserve will be vested with the appropriate State Government agency for the long term management, conservation and restoration of this regional wetland and bush forever site

Should you have any queries regarding this issue, please contact the Director Operational Services Mr Simon Stewart-Dawkins on 9377 8002 during office hours.

Yours sincerely



Bob Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Hon Albert P Jacob MLA
Minister for Environment; Heritage
12th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Minister

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Bob Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

25 January 2017



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Parks and Wildlife**

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Mr Bob Jarvis
Chief Executive Officer
Town of Bassendean
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BASSENDEAN WA 6934

Dear Mr Jarvis

I acknowledge your letter to the Hon Albert Jacob MLA, Minister for Environment dated 25 January 2017 regarding the management of Ashfield Flats. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

As you would be aware, a State election will be held on Saturday, 11 March 2017. Following an election announcement, the Government assumes a 'caretaker' role, ensuring that decisions are not made that would bind an incoming Government or limit its freedom of action.

Given these circumstances, you are encouraged to write again to the elected Government after the election.

As noted in your letter, Ashfield Flats is a significant river flat area along the Swan-Canning Riverpark because of its environmental and amenity values. In view of this, the Department of Parks and Wildlife is represented on the Town of Bassendean River Parks Management Committee to contribute to the committee's objectives of planning for the future management of Ashfield Flats.

Parks and Wildlife has had ongoing discussions with the Western Australia Planning Commission (WAPC) regarding the management of Ashfield Flats. In 2014-15, the department collaborated with the WAPC to undertake foreshore works adjacent to the boardwalk and contributed \$11,068 towards the total project cost of \$24,972. This project identified possible erosion risks to high value boardwalk assets and involved bioengineering to stabilise the foreshore with revegetation.

The State Government is undertaking a strategic assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Government, to address impacts of urban development on matters of national environmental significance in the Perth and Peel regions. The draft *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 Million*, released for public comment in December 2015 included a suite of conservation commitments for the protection of matters of national environmental significance and State environmental values. This included the proposed protection of 170,000 hectares of new and expanded conservation areas in Perth and Peel, including improved tenure for selected Bush Forever areas. As Ashfield Flats is recognised as a Bush Forever site, it may be eligible for consideration for improved protection and management under the strategic assessment.

In considering the future management of Ashfield Flats, it is prudent to give the River Parks Management Committee time to consider options and to await the finalisation of the strategic assessment by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The department looks forward to working with you and others on the committee.

Yours sincerely



Jim Sharp
DIRECTOR GENERAL

8 February 2017

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File ref: PARE/DESCONT/6

Hon. Stephen Noel Dawson MLC
Minister For Environment
12th Floor Dumas House
2 HAVELOCK STREET
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Minister

ASHFIELD FLATS RESERVE MANAGEMENT

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister for Environment, Disability Services and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

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Yours sincerely



Bob Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3 April 2017

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Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
9th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH

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Bob Jarvis
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3 April 2017



PUBLIC SECTOR RENEWAL

AMALGAMATED DEPARTMENTS

Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Department of State Development
Department of Commerce¹
Western Australian Tourism Commission²

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Department of Mines and Petroleum
Department of Commerce³

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Department of Agriculture and Food
Department of Regional Development
Department of Fisheries
Regional Development Commissions⁴

Department of Community Services

Department of Child Protection and Family Support
Department of Housing⁵
Disability Services Commission
Department of Local Government and Communities⁶

Department of Justice

Department of the Attorney General
Department of Corrective Services

Department of Education

Department of Education
Department of Education Services
School Curriculum and Standards Authority

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage⁷

Department of Planning
Department of Lands
State Heritage Office

Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions

Department of Parks and Wildlife
Botanical Gardens and Parks Authority
Zoological Parks Authority
Rottneest Island Authority

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Department of Local Government and Communities⁸
Department of Culture and the Arts
Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor
Department of Sport and Recreation

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Department of Water
Department of Environment Regulation
Office of the Environmental Protection Agency

Western Australia Police

Western Australia Police
Road Safety Commission⁹

¹ Industry promotion and innovation functions.

² Trading as Tourism WA.

³ Regulatory functions and Labour Relations.

⁴ Staff only, entities will remain.

⁵ Includes Housing Authority.

⁶ Communities functions, including seniors, volunteering, youth and multicultural interests.

⁷ Includes Aboriginal heritage and Aboriginal land matters.

⁸ Local Government functions.

⁹ Staff only, entity will remain.

CHANGE OF DUTIES

Department of Finance

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Department of Treasury

Department of Training and Workforce Development

Department of Transport

NO CHANGES

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Department of Health

Mental Health Commission

Office of the Auditor General

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services

Public Sector Commission

Western Australian Electoral Commission

Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission