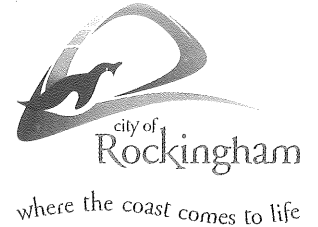


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22nd November 2018

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Hon Swinbourn

Re: Petition No. 083 - Golden Bay Dunes

I refer to your correspondence dated 1 November 2018 requesting the City's comments on the terms of a petition and submission tabled in the Legislative Council seeking preservation of the remaining dune areas of Lot 3 Warnbro Sound Avenue, Golden Bay.

The City has reviewed the submission and acknowledges the comments pertaining to the environmental attributes of the site, as set out in the report prepared by Professor V Semeniuk.

The land in question was originally rezoned to 'Urban Deferred' under the Metropolitan Region Scheme in 1992. The rezoning Amendment was the subject of a Public Environmental Review in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1986. Rezoning of the land to 'Development' under the City's Town Planning Scheme subsequently followed in 1994.

In 1992, the Environmental Protection Authority issued Bulletin 648 (Sept 1992) which included its environmental assessment and recommendations to the Minister for the Environment on the environmental acceptability of the proposal.

The Structure Plan for the subject site was originally approved by the Western Australian Planning Commission on 29 September 1994. A major amendment was then approved on the 27 March 2012 and came into effect on the 22 May 2012.

The approved Structure Plan was prepared to comply with the commitments and requirements of the Ministerial Statement 297 ('Environmental Approval') approved by the then Minister of Environment in January 1993, and a Landscape Protection Plan endorsed by the City in 1994.

A Southern Brown Bandicoot translocation and monitoring program is being undertaken for each stage of development prior to vegetation clearing from Lot 2, Warnbro Sound Ave and Lot 3, Dampier Drive as required under Ministerial Statement 297. The program is undertaken in consultation with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and compliance reports are provided to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority.



Given the land in question had been appropriately zoned under both the Metropolitan Region Scheme and the City's Town Planning Scheme, an approved Structure Plan and Landscape Protection Plan had been in place since 1994, a Public Environmental Review had been undertaken, and a Ministerial Statement issued, the City did not oppose the proposed development on environmental grounds.

Yours faithfully



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER