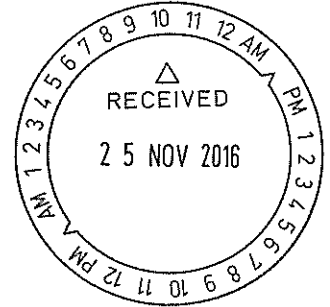




Hon Albert Jacob MLA
Minister for Environment; Heritage

Your Ref: Petition No. 134
Our Ref: 50-15364



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
Deputy Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
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Stephen
Dear Mr Dawson

Thank you for your letter dated 9 November 2016 regarding Petition No. 134 - Oppose development of wetlands and lake in Helena Valley, requesting comments on the terms of the petition and the submission from the principal petitioner.

I am advised that the Department of Parks and Wildlife provided comments on the proposed Structure Plan 71, which covers lots 2, 3 and 6 Helena Valley Road, Helena Valley, in a letter to the Shire of Mundaring dated 4 December 2015. In this letter the Department indicated that it was supportive of measures detailed in the plan to conserve the identified resource enhancement wetlands and multiple use wetlands as designated public open space. Parks and Wildlife also advised that the artificial water body outlined for residential development may be suitable for public open space given the ecological values present.

Should the Western Australian Planning Commission approve Structure Plan 71, a fauna management plan, together with a licence under Regulation 15 of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* to take fauna for education or public purposes (fauna relocation and/or education), will be required at subdivision stage in order to relocate animals from the subject site to an appropriate relocation site.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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