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Introduction

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5 Preferred option for decision by the EPA

Assess - Public environmental review

6 What are the reasons for your preferred option for decision of the EPA?

Reasons:

The project will impact 2.38 ha of Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain TEC. Although the impact of the vegetation is likely at the low end of the scale, due to slashing and not clearing the vegetation, public scrutiny is warranted when a TEC may be adversely impacted.

We have concerns that the impact on priority and, potentially, threatened flora species is underestimated, due to anomalies in the flora survey report. Table 7.1 (of referal document EOC-EN-REP-0024 Rev 0) and elsewhere states that no threatened or priority flora were recorded. However, the flora survey recorded the presence of Isopogon drummondii and even listed one of the vegetation communities as being dominated by I. drummondii (VT5 is "Isopogon drummondii, Daviesia preissii and Synapheae spinulosa shrubland."). I. drummondii is now known as I. autumnalis and is a P3 species. Several other species in the survey were also only identified to the genus, yet those same genera contain priority species in the area (e.g. Haemodorum sp. was recorded, and H. Ioratum is a P3 species).

Such anomalies warrant further, public scrutiny, especially, as stated, that other priority and threatened flora are potentially in the area.

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