



## WILDFLOWER SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)

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### **Re: CPS 10159/1 – City of Busselton North Jindong Road Clearing**

The Wildflower Society of Western Australia (hereafter called “the Society”) wishes to submit these comments regarding the application to clear CPS 10159/1 made by the City of Busselton relating to the removal of 39 trees, including 3 balga trees on Jindong and Hairpin Roads. The Society considers there are alternatives available that would not require the removal of these trees.

Issues to be addressed in consideration of this purpose permit to clear include:

- Street verge has remnant native trees and plants that should be conserved
- Mature marri trees close to road could be preserved (see photo.)
- Balga grass trees could be relocated
- There is no refuge for wildlife flora or fauna if clearing beyond that already completed, is allowed
- Properties adjacent to the road have been cleared.
- Low traffic use as these are minor roads
- No crash data at this site to date
- Fire safety risk is small scale due to isolated vegetation.

This section of the road has a broken bitumen sealed surface and rough gravel verges. Either side of this section, road works have been completed to stabilise tarmac and smooth gravel verge with minimal vegetation removed. The clearing proposed in this permit application is inconsistent with that completed previously to correct similar road degradation.

The following positive actions should be taken in lieu of any further tree removal:

- Highlight mature trees close to road with reflectorised tape markers
- Erect warning signs for drivers to highlight the presence of hidden driveway entrances
- Install white edge lines on road edges to highlight the limits of the sealed running surface
- Localised reduction of speed limits with enforcement
- Private driveways to install mirrors to improve safe access to the road.



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Road safety will not be improved by further tree and vegetation removal.



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### Photos



Old growth marri could be protected by guard rail



Lower speed environment on approaches to intersection to improve safety



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Comparison between old and new surfaces



Road intersection. Note road formation available from existing road surface to guide post compared to photo on left.