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### Policy Objectives

The objectives of this Policy are to:

1. Ensure the effective management of macro-fauna by landowners and/or developers of land proposed for urban development; and
2. Avoid the unwanted impacts of displaced macro-fauna due to habitat disturbance.

For the purpose of this Policy, 'fauna' and 'macro-fauna' relates specifically to macro-fauna such as kangaroos and emus.

### Related Documents

Environmental Management Plan Guidelines – These guidelines provide specific detail relating to all types of environmental management plans.

### Policy Provisions

#### **Part 1 - Principles of Fauna Management**

- 1.1 The protection and management of all fauna located on a development site is the responsibility of the owner of the land and not the community, the City of Wanneroo, or the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA);
- 1.2 Fauna shall be managed in a proactive manner by the developer prior to the removal of vegetation or disturbance of habitat;
- 1.3 No fauna should be allowed to remain unmanaged within a developed area;
- 1.4 'Directional clearing' in order to displace fauna populations into surrounding habitat will not be an accepted method of fauna management; and
- 1.5 Fauna shall be managed in a humane manner at all times, including post relocation. Costs associated with the appropriate and humane management of fauna are considered to be a normal cost of development borne by the developer.

#### **Part 2 - Requirements for Fauna Management**

- 2.1 In accordance with clause 4.24 of DPS 2, a 'Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan' (VFMP) should be prepared in accordance with the City of Wanneroo Environmental Management Plan Guidelines to support subdivision applications or development applications for bulk earthworks. A VFMP should address the key principles of fauna management set out in Part 1 of this policy;

- 2.2 Prior to any disturbance or clearing of existing native vegetation/natural wildlife habitat and/or approvals given to commence modification of a site, the following measures will be required to be undertaken by the land-holders/landowners:
- 2.2.1 Survey the fauna (type and number) contained on the site/property intended to be cleared and developed, and document appropriately.
  - 2.2.2 Obtain relevant specifications and permits for the relocation of fauna from the DBCA.
  - 2.2.3 Undertake full relocation of the fauna in question to an area which will not be detrimentally impacted by the fauna, in accordance with necessary relocation permits.
  - 2.2.4 If the satisfactory relocation of the fauna is not possible, the advice of the DBCA on alternative options for management of the fauna is required.
  - 2.2.5 Obtain relevant specifications and permits for alternative fauna management options to relocation, from the DBCA.
  - 2.2.6 Install fauna proof fencing to the satisfaction of the DBCA and the City of Wanneroo prior to the disturbance of existing habitat. Fencing needs to encompass the entire perimeter of the land holding, or portion thereof, which is intended to be either disturbed or cleared, and needs to be in place for the duration of site works.
  - 2.2.7 Undertake the approved alternative management option as advised by the DBCA for the fauna in question in accordance with the relevant specifications and permits.
- 2.3 The City will not clear conditions of subdivision for the implementation of an approved VFMP until such time as it can be adequately demonstrated that fauna has been safely, humanely, and effectively managed throughout the monitoring period (prior to handover to the City).