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1.0 CITATION

This is a Local Planning Policy prepared under Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015. This policy may be cited as Local Planning Policy (LPP) 1.1 – Conservation Reserves.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Public Open Space (POS) under District Planning Scheme No. 2 (DPS 2) provides for various categories of use, including 'conservation' purposes. LPP 1.1 was adopted to provide guidance to landowners and developers on the classification of POS for 'Conservation' purposes. The policy provides a definition of 'Conservation Reserve' and criteria for determining areas to be identified as such under the provisions of DPS 2.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

To provide guidance on the classification of POS as 'Conservation' under DPS 2.

4.0 APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

The following 'related policies and documents' are identified as relevant to LPP 1.1:

- Local Planning Policy 4.1: Wetlands
- Local Planning Policy 4.3: Public Open Space
- Environmental Management Plan Guidelines
- Local Biodiversity Plan

5.0 POLICY PROVISIONS

Criteria for determining areas to be reserved as 'Conservation' under DPS 2.

5.1 Local Structure Plans shall identify areas of POS to be reserved as 'Conservation' under DPS 2 where the following criteria are met:

- 5.1.1 Vegetation has been identified as being 'Good' to 'Pristine' condition in a relevant flora survey and in accordance with the Vegetation Condition Scale from Keighery (1994) and Trudgen (1988).

- 5.1.2 The subject site has been determined as being viable in accordance with the viability assessments set out in the City's Local Planning Policy 4.3: Public Open Space.
- 5.1.3 The proposed reserve is a minimum regularly configured area of 10,000m² with a minimum width of 50 metres. This area can be reduced to an area agreed by the City only where on or more of the following applies:
- i. Presence of significant trees as defined in City of Wanneroo Local Planning Policy 4.8: Tree Preservation;
 - ii. Presence of threatened and priority flora and/or fauna under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and/or the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999* respectively;
 - iii. Presence of threatened or priority ecological communities under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*;
 - iv. Presence of high priority or critical vegetation complexes as per the City's Local Biodiversity Plan;
 - v. The proposed reserve forms part of an ecological linkage as per the City's Local Biodiversity Plan;
 - vi. The proposed reserve is located within 500 metres of an existing or proposed Conservation Reserve greater than 10,000m²; and/or
 - vii. The proposed reserve contains Resource Enhancement or Conservation Category wetlands and/or their buffers.

Management of Conservation reserves

5.2 Detailed specifications (including but not limited to revegetation, fencing, and access) of Conservation Reserves shall be set out in an approved Conservation Area Management Plan which has been prepared in accordance with the City's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines (available on the City's website).

DEFINITIONS

'Conservation Reserve' – Conservation reserves are areas of Nature POS that are allocated as 'Conservation' classification under DPS 2 for the sole purpose of conserving and protecting the natural environment such as flora, fauna and other biodiversity values.