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Objective

To provide guidance on the classification of Public Open Space (POS) as 'Conservation' under District Planning Scheme No. 2 (DPS 2).

Related Policies and Documents

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

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.

Policy Provisions

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

- 1.1 Local Structure Plans shall identify areas of POS to be reserved as 'Conservation' under DPS 2 where the following criteria are met:
 - 1.1.1 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).
 - 1.1.2 The subject site has been determined as being viable in accordance with the viability assessment as set out in the City's Local Planning Policy 4.3: Public Open Space.
 - 1.1.3 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 one 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 Conservation 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.

1.2 All management measures relating to bushfire protection are only to occur when the risk posed from the reserve is rated as 'extreme' in accordance with the City's Bushfire Risk Management Plan framework. If mitigation works are required they are to be completed in such a way to minimise environmental disturbance using best practice. Activities causing ground disturbance including the clearing of vegetation is not generally supported.

Management of Conservation reserves

1.3 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).