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Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING PERMIT APPLICATION – ROLEYSTONE THEATRE
587 BROOKTON HWY ROLEYSTONE (CLEARING FOR ASSET PROTECTION ZONE)**

The City of Armadale (the City) is proposing to clear native vegetation within a new asset protection zone (APZ) around the Roleystone Theatre.

Description of Works

The Roleystone Theatre, located at 587 Brookton Hwy, Roleystone, is undergoing redevelopment. As the theatre is located in a bushfire prone area, a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) was prepared to comply with State Planning Policy 3.7 (SPP 3.7). The BMP identified an asset protection zone (APZ), extending 21 meters from the building (Attachment 4), to be established to comply with the BMP and the Bushfire Protection Criteria of SPP 3.7. The APZ is a requirement for building compliance and occupancy.

Proposed Clearing

The proposed establishment of the APZ, to comply with the Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) around the Roleystone Theatre, includes the removal of 26 native trees (*Corymbia calophylla* and *Eucalyptus marginata*) with a diameter at breast height of 150mm or less.

Environmental Values and Potential Impacts

The vegetation within the APZ comprises native vegetation regrowth, planted native gardens, exotic trees and extensive weed cover.

A desktop review of the site was undertaken with a view to determine the significance of vegetation and opportunistic records of vertebrate species. There were no threatened or priority ecological communities, records of threatened or priority fauna and no Commonwealth or State Listed Threatened or Priority flora recorded at the site.

Corymbia calophylla and *Eucalyptus marginata* are used for breeding, roosting and foraging habitat by the three Western Australian species of threatened Black Cockatoos (Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, Baudin's Cockatoo and Carnaby's Cockatoo). The trees marked for removal are not of an age or size to, form or have hollows for black cockatoo breeding habitat or roosting. The larger, mature trees that will be retained in the APZ and those in the surrounding region are likely to provide foraging habitat for black cockatoos. Therefore, the proposed removal of the 26 native trees within the APZ is not likely to have an impact on any Black Cockatoo species.

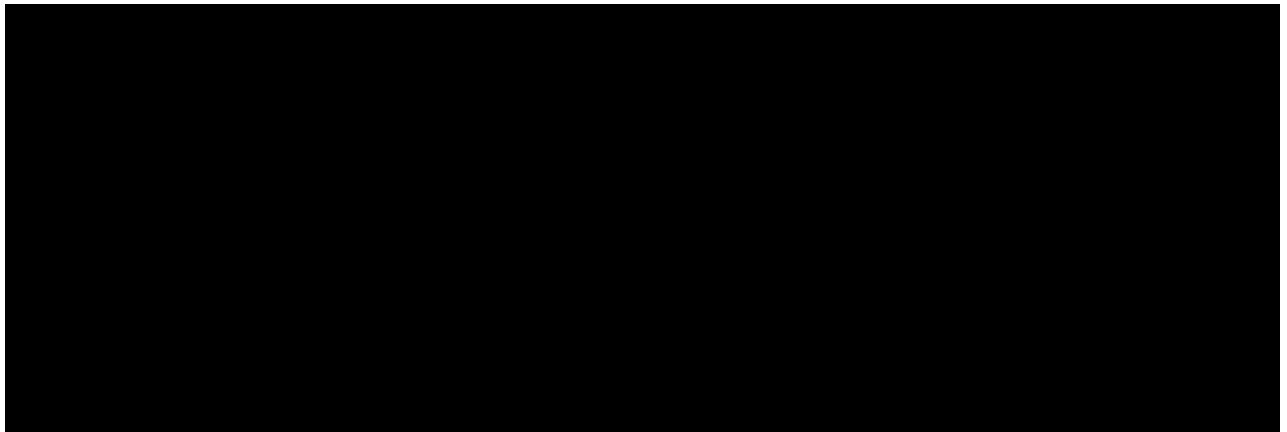
Management and Mitigation Measures

A site visit undertaken with the Bushfire Consultant identified the removal of 26 native trees (*Corymbia calophylla* and *Eucalyptus marginata* saplings) would accommodate the retention of larger, mature trees. This would allow for continued ecological function and separation of the canopy in line with the requirements of the APZ.

Clearing of vegetation shall not exceed the limits of the APZ.

Conclusion

It is unlikely that the proposed clearing will have any significant impacts on environmental values.



Enclosed

Attachment 1: Clearing Permit Application Form

Attachment 2: Proof of Ownership

Attachment 3: Aerial Image of Proposed Tree Clearing Area

Attachment 4: Location of the APZ as shown in the BMP