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Application for Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (Harris Road Black Spot Project Stage 2)

I am writing on behalf of the City of Bunbury (the City) to apply for a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (NVCP) for the widening of Harris Road. The City is planning to widen the road and remove hazards from within the clear zone along Harris Road. A Road Safety Inspection report (2020) provided a detailed review of the road history and condition and provided key recommendations to reduce the risk and improve the safety for both cyclists and vehicles. The auditors recommended 6 changes to the current road including the road widening of Harris Road and the removal of all hazards within the clear zone

The City has addressed the recommendations and developed a road plan. The Harris Road Black Spot Project (the Project) and has been successful in gaining funding from Black Spot Program to help reduce the risk currently associated with Harris Road. The City is proposing to clear 0.23 ha of vegetation for the Project, which is located approximately 8km east of the Bunbury town centre. The proposed clearing area is located within the road reserve adjacent to Lot 4208 (DP 152822), Lot 8 (DP 53241) and Lot 17 (DP 400561) (approximately 200m from the Harris Road and Boyanup-Picton Road intersection). Initial flora and fauna surveys have been conducted on 0.81ha of the road reserve along Harris Road and the City is proposing to clear 0.23ha of this vegetation.

Additionally, it is important to note that Harris Road – being a 'Public Road' is under the care and control of the City of Bunbury as per the *Land Administration Act 1997*, Section 55, Clause (2). Subject to the *Main Roads Act 1930* and the *Public Works Act 1902*, the local government within the district of which a road is situated has the care, control, and management of the road. Therefore, a Certificate of Title or Pastoral Lease is not possible to attain and cannot be submitted with the Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (C1) application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions on

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Kind Regards,

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