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The Secretary
Western Australian Planning Commission
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PEEL PRESERVATION GROUP'S RESPONSE TO PEEL REGION SCHEME MINOR AMENDMENT 043/57 LOT 600 LAKES ROAD, NAMBEELUP

In response to the Plan to transfer approximately 120 hectares in Nambeelup from the Rural zone to the Industrial zone at Lot 600 Lakes Road, Nambeelup, it is understood that the area is "generally degraded" with "no regionally significant vegetation, declared rare flora or priority flora species". It is also understood that "the use of the land for industrial purposes is compatible with the draft Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million" and that the Environmental Protection Authority advised that the proposed amendment does not require environmental assessment under the Environmental Protection Authority Act 1986.

A recent visit to the area confirms that the area is fairly degraded, but of course amenable to some re-vegetation and rehabilitation. In a recent telephone call to the relevant officer at the Shire of Murray, I was reminded that a re-vegetation plan utilizing indigenous plants and trees outside the designated "envelope" of new buildings and related infrastructure is a necessary requirement for new developments in the area. This imperative from the Shire of Murray is to be commended for its environmental responsibility and sustainability.

Despite the general area along Lakes Road in the Nambeelup area being degraded scrubland and farmland it is heartening to see that some adjacent properties that are now home to a number of dog kennels have also been re-planted with several species of local eucalypt trees, which may do more than provide shade for the domestic animals, but also contribute to the green corridors and green islands, which are especially important for our native birds to move around. I was heartened in my recent visit to Nambeelup to see a small flock of Black Cockatoos flying from a grove of re-planted Eucalypts in the area.

Maintaining a successful and sustainable re-vegetation program in the Nambeelup area can only be a win-win for all concerned.

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