



# Media Release

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## City welcomes further protections for Beelias Wetlands

The City of Cockburn has welcomed State Government moves to further protect the Beelias Wetlands, once threatened by the now cancelled Perth Freight Link (PFL).

Transport, Planning and Lands Minister Rita Saffioti and Environment Minister Stephen Dawson have empowered Main Roads WA to apply to amend environmental approvals for the PFL.

This will remove consent to build Roe 8 – a road west of Bibra Drive to Stock Road – that would have passed through the Beelias Wetlands.

Mayor Logan Howlett said, as recently as April this year, the City restated its objection to the Roe 8 extension, requesting the State Government initiate an amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme to remove the primary regional road reservation.

“Our City will continue to focus on protecting the Beelias Wetlands, including the removal of the Roe 8 and 9 Reserve from the Metropolitan Regional Scheme,” Mayor Howlett said.

“We are working with the State Government and our community as members of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Working Group, to future-proof this area for our children, our grandchildren and all who follow in their footsteps.”

The Working Group has drafted a 10-year rehabilitation management plan for a 17ha area between Kwinana Freeway and Stock Road at Bibra Lake.

Mayor Howlett said he was pleased that in the next 12 months, land owned in freehold by the State Government between Hope Road and west of Bibra Drive would become an A-Class reserve managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.



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Read the State Government's Media Release here:

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2018/06/Further-protections-for-Beeliar-Wetlands.aspx>

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