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BACKGROUND:

Natural areas within the City provides habitat for a range of native fauna including mammals, birds, reptiles and insects. Native fauna are protected under legislation and must be managed in accordance with legislative conditions.

Ongoing development can lead to the loss of natural habitat through clearing and disturbance which can create a major threat to faunal populations. Management of fauna, in situations where development requires habitat removal, may be necessary to minimise adverse impacts.

PURPOSE:

Provide strategies and initiatives to minimise the impact on native fauna in situations where development results in the loss of habitat.

POLICY:

- (1) Where development is planned to occur on land, which in the opinion of Council, is likely to provide habitat for native fauna, the proponent will be required to undertake a fauna and flora survey and, if deemed necessary by the City, prepare a Native Fauna Management Plan to the satisfaction of Council and the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

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- (2) The requirement to undertake a fauna survey and, if required, prepare a Native Fauna Management Plan will be necessary for:-
- land which is proposed to be rezoned, subdivided or developed where existing bushland is proposed to be cleared.
 - Where subdivisions are proposed on existing zoned land, Council may recommend to the WAPC that conditions be placed on approvals requiring the preparation of a Fauna Survey and, if deemed necessary as a result of the survey, the preparation of a Fauna Management Plan.
- (3) Where a fauna survey indicated that fauna are likely to be critically impacted and there is likely to be the requirement to prepare a Native Fauna Management Plan, the plan will need to address the methods of protecting existing habitats and/or the relocation of the fauna to a suitable alternative location.
- All endeavours are to be made to protect and retain trees that have been identified, in the fauna survey, as providing significant habitat value.
- (4) Development proposals which are deemed to impact on fauna that is considered rare and/or endangered will require the proposal to be referred to state and/or federal authorities in line with the guidelines outlined under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act (1999) and the Western Australian Wildlife Conservation Act (1950). Proponents may also be required to submit their proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)