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Private Response.

Draft Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million
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I hereby tender the following commentary on the **Draft Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million** (DPPGP) along with additional comments references to identified extracts from various documents, from a perspective of and a focus on **Recreation/Outdoor Recreation** as part of my personal submission on the DPPGP.

Ten years ago on 17 March 2006, the GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WA, WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION *Statement of Planning Policy No. 3 identified:*

(at page 1065) 'A high proportion of the population of Western Australia (over 90%) live in towns and cities. The pattern of settlement and quality of the urban environment is, therefore, highly significant to the lifestyle enjoyed by the population. A well planned and coherent settlement pattern and careful management of urban growth and change is critical in delivering wider social, economic and environmental objectives, for example, in providing choice in housing and lifestyle opportunities, easy access to employment, services and *recreational opportunities* for people of all ages and abilities, a strong and shared sense of community, and good urban design and neighbourhood planning to create liveable, efficient and attractive communities.'

My Submission Number One

That recreational opportunities in the DPPGP, although barely mentioned in the documents, will be one of the keys to the success of the Growth Plan for all of the expected 3.5 million Western Australians.

(at page 1066) Objectives of the Policy: The objectives of this policy are ...

- To promote a sustainable and well planned pattern of settlement across the State, with sufficient and suitable land to provide for a wide variety of housing, employment, *recreation facilities* and open space ...

My Submission Number Two

That suitable, sufficient and significant amounts of land for recreational facilities must be set aside in the DPPGP, as another of the keys to the success of the Growth Plan for the health and wellbeing of all of the expected 3.5 million Western Australians.

(at page 1067) 'sufficient and suitable serviced land in the right locations for housing, employment, commercial, *recreational* and other purposes, coordinated with the efficient and economic provision of transport, essential infrastructure and human services ...'

(at page 1067) 'clustering retail, employment, *recreational* and other activities which attract large numbers of people in existing and proposed activity centres at major public transport nodes so as to reduce the need to travel encourage non-car modes and create attractive, high amenity mixed use urban centres ...'

(at page 1067) 'New settlements and major town expansions should only be considered where they will have a planned economic and employment base and where they can be efficiently serviced by local and regional infrastructure including roads, public transport, water supply, sewerage, drainage, energy, local parks, schools, shops, *recreational facilities* and other services. Any substantial new development, whether a town expansion, or new settlement, should not consist exclusively of housing but must be planned as a sustainable community with a mix of land uses including, employment, shops, open space, schools and other services.'

My Submission Number Three

That the apportionment of suitable, sufficient and significant amounts of land for recreational facilities must be coordinated with key economic provisions; must be clustered with other human activities to attract large numbers of people and new settlements be only considered in the DPPGP where they can be efficiently utilised by sustainable communities so formed.

From:  [State Planning Policy 3 Urban Growth and Settlement](#) (204.37 KB)

Re: Perth and Peel@3.5 million: What will Perth and Peel look like in 2050?

(at page 4) The four draft frameworks provide an unprecedented level of certainty about the land available for urban expansion ...the frameworks aim to...identify sites to meet the growing need for sport and *recreation*...'

(at page 6) North-West employment self-sufficiency (living and working within the same area) in the North-West is one of the lowest in the Perth and Peel regions at just 49 per cent. A key challenge is to protect employment-generating land and encourage more jobs within existing and emerging employment nodes. More than 55 per cent of the sub-region is reserved for parks, *recreation* and State forest

From: http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/dop_pub_pdf/pp_summary.pdf

My Submission Number Four

That the stated certainty about land allocation in the DPPGP be realised in the exponentially planned need for recreation by 3.5 million people in 2050 and be more than the 55% proportion stated for parks, recreation and State Forest in 2006/2016

Re: Strategic Assessment for the Perth and Peel Regions Draft 2015

(at page 15) The risk of loss will be reduced. While this will vary from site to site based on specific circumstances, the transfer of the land into conservation reserve will reduce current or potential uses that require clearing or may result in habitat degradation (eg mining, agriculture, *active recreation*) and result in the application of management controls.

My Submission Number Five

That the stated transfer of land into conservation reserve should not reduce the potential for recreation use – particularly as much recreation does not require land clearing.

Re: Draft Action Plan B Rural Residential 4.2.1 Elevating nominally protected sites

(at page 17) There will however, be instances where the level of protection already afforded by the reserve purpose or classification set out in a management order may not be adequate to ensure protection of the value. For example, if a value falls within a Crown reserve for the purpose of 'recreation' (i.e. Carnaby cockatoos' feeding vegetation located within a playing fields reserve managed by a local government), the nominal protection of the 'recreation' reserve may not be enough to safeguard the conservation of the environmental value. In such instances, it may be necessary to consider 'elevating' the protection afforded by the reserve.

My Submission Number Six

That the use of the word 'recreation' in the DPPGP not be continually connected/confused with 'conservation' (wildlife, habitat etc) but be primarily focused on the human interactions – including individual and group physical activity in natural environments, reflection etc

Re: Acquisition 4.2.3

(at page 25) *Region Scheme Reservations: The MRS and PRS include provisions for land to be classified for various public purposes (public purpose reservations). Specifically, the reservation purpose Parks and Recreation (P&R) in the MRS and Regional Open Space (ROS) in the PRS may be applied in the context of efforts to limit the development of environmentally valuable land by means of the planning approval process. These public purpose reservation descriptions under the region schemes are not limited to conservation and environmental values, and may also be applied to other areas of value to accommodate active and passive recreation such as playing fields.*

My Submission Number Seven

That a special category and descriptor of 'recreation/outdoor recreation' be established in the DPPGP. A proper and proportionate focus on the future dependence of populations to 2050, and beyond of 3.5 million and more, in the two regions, to create and maintain healthy lifestyles – sets this sector apart from its current use in the documents drafted thus far.

My Final Submission

That the promoters and future decision makers on this and associated plans establish a link with experts in the fields of Recreation/Outdoor Recreation now and in the future to ensure that sustainable land use for these purposes is a 'certainty.'

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