

#### **4.2 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VARIOUS ROADS - CULLACABARDEE LOCALITY - (R198810) (BALLAJURA WARD) (CLS)**

##### **PURPOSE**

The permanent closure of various roads in the Cullacabardee locality is being sought to enable the expansion of Whiteman Park. (Refer attached plan)

The land containing the roads is owned by the Western Australian Planning Commission but from 31 March management control of this land was transferred to Whiteman Park

##### **BACKGROUND**

APPLICANT: Whiteman Park (Western Australian Planning Commission)

OWNER OF ROADS: Crown

ZONING: Surrounding Area - TPS9 - 'General Rural'

MRS - 'Rural'

Council has been approached by the management of Whiteman Park seeking closure of the various roads depicted on the attached plan.

From 31 March 2000, Whiteman Park took over management control of land owned by the Western Australian Planning Commission generally bounded by Alexander Drive, Gnangara Road, Beechboro Road and the Hepburn Avenue alignment, but excluding the Cullacabardee Aboriginal Community and the Cyrenian House facility. The subject area, which is known as IP8 West (IP = Improvement Plan) will become part of Whiteman Park. This area is classified as part of a 'Priority 1' Underwater Pollution Control Area and contains approximately 500 ha of regionally significant bushland. It is advised that because of this high conservation status and its inclusion in Whiteman Park, the new management regime for this area will involve a more active land management program. It is understood that already improvements to the area are underway such as new perimeter fencing, rubbish removal, fauna and flora survey, feral animal control, signage and regular ranger patrols.

The request to close all road reserves in the area has been made with a view to improving management, enabling Whiteman Park staff to control access to the IP8 West lands thus reducing the occurrence of unauthorised activities.

It should be noted that two of the subject roads, that is Park Street and the parallel unnamed road to its south, have already been temporarily closed by Council at its meeting of 20 January 1999.

##### **REPORT**

The proposal has been advertised in accordance with Section 58 of the Land Administration Act. At the close of the advertising period, six submissions had been received. A summary of these submissions can be found at Appendix 4.2. Telstra has plant located in the vicinity but, subject to its requirements for 24 hour access being met may reconsider its objection. Other concerns raised by Council's Planning and Fire Services related to all existing lots having access to a road and access for Council rangers/fire services and local volunteer bushfire brigades. Should Council resolve to proceed with closure of the subject roads, all these concerns would need to be addressed by Whiteman Park/WAPC prior to closure.

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### **CORPORATE PLAN/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council resolve to:

- (1) Seek the approval of the Hon. Minister for Lands to the permanent closure (in accordance with Section 58 of the Land Administration Act) of the public roads contained within the area known as IP8 West as shown on the attached plan, subject to:
  1. Whiteman Park/the Western Australian Planning Commission resolving the concerns of Telstra and Council's Planning and Fire Services raised in their respective submissions.
  2. The applicant liaising with and resolving any other concerns of the various servicing authorities which may come to light during the closure process.
  3. The land from the closed roads being amalgamated with the adjoining land.
  4. The applicant being responsible for all costs involved in the road closure or relocation/modification of services if required.
- (2) Uplift the existing temporary closure on the subject portion of Park Street and the unnamed road to its south imposed by Council at its meeting of 20 January 1999, subject to the permanent closure proceeding.

**CARRIED**