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City of
Kwinana

Draft Local Planning Strategy

Environment Discussion Paper



The City of Kwinana (City) has prepared a draft Local Planning Strategy (draft Strategy) which provides long-term planning directions and actions to guide the growth and development of the City over the next 10 -15 years.

In 2019, during an initial consultation phase, the community provided thoughts and ideas that helped to form the basis of the City of Kwinana's draft Local Planning Strategy. The City is again seeking the community's feedback on whether the draft Local Planning Strategy accurately reflects the communities vision for planning into the future.

In developing the draft Strategy, the City prepared a number of technical studies to forecast future population and requirements for housing, community facilities/services retail, and environmental protection.

The City also engaged the community to better understand the community's vision for the growth and development of Kwinana.

The City is now seeking the community's feedback on whether the draft Strategy reflects the community's vision for the future in relation to environmental protection and climate response.

Bushland, wetlands and landscape features contribute significantly to Kwinana's sense of place and quality of life within urban and rural areas and provide important habitats to sustain unique ecosystems and support biodiversity.

Kwinana's population and housing forecasts indicate significant growth over the next 15 years. This will place considerable pressure on the local environment and present ongoing challenges associated with the retention of bushland, wetlands and landscapes. It is important that future population growth in Kwinana does not impact on bushland and wetlands and that areas of significant vegetation are protected.

The feedback from the community during the preliminary consultation process revealed overwhelming support toward protecting the environment. The community feels very passionately on this issue. Many local

residents stated that they chose to live in Kwinana because of the bushland and trees in the area.

A number of ecological linkages are identified in the City draft Local Biodiversity Strategy (2013) which link locally and regionally significant natural areas and provide stepping stones for flora and fauna.

The key directions and actions of the draft Strategy in relation to the environment are to:

- Enhance tree canopy cover to cool residential streets and open spaces during extreme heat, provide shade to encourage walking and cycling, create leafy neighbourhoods, and enhance local biodiversity.
- Identify ecological linkages which link locally and regionally significant natural areas and provide stepping-stones for flora and fauna. These linkages would support the ongoing management of regional sites and provide opportunities for integrated walking trails with interpretive signage.

The draft Strategy recommends updating the City's draft Local Biodiversity Strategy (2013) to provide a framework for the protection and management of significant local natural areas in Kwinana, in addition to those areas already set aside for protection by the State Government (eg. Leda Reserve and The Spectacles).

The large areas of 'Special Rural' and 'Rural Resource' zoned land, on the eastern side of the Kwinana Freeway, also represent an opportunity to retain biodiversity and maintain the rural living lifestyle. It is important that clearing and degradation of bushland is limited in these areas to maintain biodiversity

In total the draft Strategy proposes over 70 actions to help shape the future planning of the City.

THE DRAFT STRATEGY IS A FIRST STEP IN THE ONGOING PROCESS OF REFINING AND DETAILING PLANNING WITHIN KWINANA. IT WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER FIVE YEARS AND ONGOING REFINEMENT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME, STRATEGIES, POLICIES, STRUCTURE PLANNING, SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT.

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