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Friends of Moore River Estuary is very busy since we have become aware that very recently the whole 2099ha (5,187 acres) at Moore River South has been put up for sale by Plunkett's Moore River Company.

While Plunkett hopes to make millions, we are busy looking for a philanthropic buyer who may shelve development plans and give this land to the people of WA. We recommend that a Regional Park be declared between the metropolitan border at Two Rocks, Moore River, Woodridge, the Indian Ocean and Indian Ocean Drive. The rest of the land in that parcel is already State Forest, Conservation or Nature Parks, looked after by various Government departments.

We don't wish to see it 'locked up', but rather to be used as a 'lungs' and recreational area for Perth's north with the kind of vision that saw King's Park set aside for Perth's people in 1895. FOMRE feels very strongly that this site, now for sale, is no place for a suburb for many reasons.

FOMRE is still working with Northern Agricultural Catchment Council (NACC) on establishing water quality monitoring in the river. We are waiting for the monitor and expect a start in October.

Gingin Water Group are already monitoring Moore River upstream and Gingin Brook, so we will all be helping to build a better picture of the river's state of health into the future.

NACC continues to record photomon, thanks locally to Bob Johnson who takes regular photos at set spots on the coast and north dunes, to record changes over time. It is most interesting to see the different effect of storms, erosion, seaweed banks and river sandbar breaks that occurs along the coast. There are reports of all these activities online so please google them, or phone me if you would like more information.

We are also most concerned about the damage being done to the beach and desert of Moore River South by 4WDs. FOMRE continues to work with the Shire, DPaW and GCA as there should be no vehicles on the beach north of Wilbinga.

People using their vehicles on the beach need to become more aware of how destructive they are being.

Where damage is done it becomes quite difficult and time consuming to repair the environment. If you know the perpetrators please ask them to be more considerate.

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