

NEWSLETTER March 2019

Members and friends,

As we explained last December, Moore River Company needed a new Subdivision Approval at Moore River South, which we, of course, oppose and that we had made a deputation to the Statutory Planning Committee of WAPC with a video explaining the myriad problems with their plans.

WAPC and Moore River Company result

We are sorry to say that, after taking advice from the Solicitor General's Office, SPC did grant MRC's approval in January 2019. It is now current for another 4 years.

There are 44 Conditions attached, many as a result of other departments concerns with this plan.

The conditions are onerous as every agency mentioned in the Conditions must sign off on their area. This result and other Planning papers and decisions can be found on the DPLH website. MRC has a lot of work to do.

WAPC's GINGIN Regional Land Supply Assessment was released 2 weeks later!

There is further disappointment in this document, but hey, we've seen many such documents over the years that just gather dust on shelves!

The RLSA identifies Shire areas of growth, demographics, commercial opportunities, habitation levels and transport links. Moore River South, documented as Caraban, is identified as one of the two major areas of future growth.

On drilling down into the document, the Shire's demand drivers, such as the major economic factors that influence employment and population growth, and therefore, the demand for land and housing figures, certainly make MRS proposal appear counter-intuitive. You can see it at this web address.

https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/getmedia/196987e2-a665-4c9a-8f53-01b11d91e5ad/RLSA_Gingin_Regional_land_supply_assessment_2019

Further Action

FOMRE will be contacting the Department of the Environment and Energy with our concerns pertaining to the environmental assessment/s of MRS as laid out in the Conditions of the Approval.

We know that MRC wish to treat the site as degraded land of no environmental significance, with no need even for Clearing Permits but we disagree! The photographic evidence we took last year will be helpful. Many thanks to Perth NRM, Roger Severn and Keith Lightbody for this resource.

Urban Bushland Council and Nature Link for Perth

At the UBC AGM this month Murdoch University provided details on a new initiative called Nature Link for Perth. This organization aims to advance and protect the many and varied natural ecosystems that make up Perth via linkages between stakeholders, land parcels and transport corridors. Linda has informed them of FOMRE's concern for protecting Wilbinga - which is now the name for the whole area of Nature, Conservation and Forestry parks between the city and estuary. <http://www.naturelinkperth.org/>

Community involvement

Over a busy summer at Guilderton FOMRE members continue to be involved in the community.

Namely GCA, Clean Up Australia, Tending the Tracks Alliance and water quality monitoring with DWER.

AGM

FOMRE annual general meeting is being held in Guilderton over Easter for 2019. A separate notification is being sent. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Shorter days and quieter times are returning so please come and say hello when you are in town.

And please keep an eye on our website at guildertonwa.com.au for 'everything Guilderton'.

Your committee wishes you a safe and happy autumn.

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