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Dear Mr Tieleman

Dog Swim Area Bicton

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) has become aware of a proposal by the City of Melville for a dog swim area at Blackwall Reach Parade, Bicton. DBCA has been contacted by a number of City of Melville residents concerned about the proposal and potential effects to flora and fauna.

DBCA has visited both sites and it is considered that both areas have significant constraints that potentially make them unsuitable for a dog swim area. Location 1 is very narrow, and the northern end of the site has significant erosion issues that make access to the water problematic. A dog swim area in this location could be considered in future erosion design measures. Although location 2 has greater width from the road to the water's edge, it has healthy fringing vegetation that is likely to be adversely affected by dogs off leash, potentially undermining foreshore stability.

DBCA is not opposed to dog swimming areas on the River and is willing to work with the City to identify location where dog swimming can be supported. If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the officer above. Please quote the above reference number in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Manager, Statutory Assessments

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