

PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION

Name: Councillor Nicole Robins

Date of Meeting: 8 December 2020

Meeting of the: Council (Ordinary)

Subject: Cockatoo Vegetation in the Murdoch Precinct

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That Council:

- 1. Notes the significance of the Murdoch Precinct as a 'super-roost' for the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, due to the abundance of nesting and foraging habitat.**
- 2. Notes the proposed development for the area, with the Murdoch Specialist Activity Centre and Murdoch University undergoing significant expansion.**
- 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate further opportunities to increase native vegetation in the suburbs surrounding the Murdoch Specialised Activity Centre, specifically vegetation identified as foraging habitat for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos.**

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REASONS:

The Murdoch Precinct is one of several 'super-roosts' for the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo due the abundance of foraging habitat, including pine trees, providing ample sustenance for local populations.

It is therefore a strategic location for the survival of the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, which is classified as an endangered species under Commonwealth legislation and is specifically protected fauna in Western Australia.

Whilst the planning for the precinct, including the Murdoch Activity Structure Plan, has generally considered the conservation aspects and proposed impact to the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo, it should be recognised that it takes many years for vegetation to mature and provide adequate support to local cockatoo populations.

I believe the City of Melville should investigate opportunities as a matter of a priority to plant ample native vegetation in the precinct to compliment any plantings at the Murdoch Specialised Activity Centre and Murdoch University to ensure local populations have sufficient vegetation.

The City is already undertaking valuable work to help these birds, including through our Urban Forest Strategy and the Piney Lakes Carnaby's Cockatoo Restoration Project. We should however look now to identify further opportunities to provide more habitat in our public open spaces, City reserves and on our verges, to allow time for the vegetation to mature.

SIGNATURE: *Nicole Robins*