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| <b>Presented to</b>    | December Ordinary Meeting of Council                        |
| <b>Related to Item</b> | Corella Management Plan                                     |
| <b>Submitted by</b>    | Cr Nicole Robins  |
| <b>Attachments</b>     | <a href="#">City of Bunbury Corella Management Handbook</a> |

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| <b>With Notice</b>              | to be provided 5 clear working days prior to the meeting  |
| <b>Without Notice</b>           | an absolute majority resolution of the Council will be required for the motion to be considered |
| <b>For Urgent Consideration</b> | Mayoral approval required   |

**That That the Council directs the CEO to:**

- 1. Prepare a plan for effectively managing the Little Corella and/or Eastern Long-billed Corella population in the vicinity of Morris Buzacott Reserve and in other locations deemed necessary across the City. Officers' proposal(s) are to be workshopped at an Elected Members Engagement Session prior to a report and suitable recommendation being presented to an Ordinary Meeting of the Council prior to the end of April 2023.**
- 2. Acknowledging WALGA's view that a collaborative, regional approach is most effective and efficient in controlling corella numbers and that such an approach should be led by the State Government (specifically the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), in collaboration with Local Governments), lobby the State Government to take the lead in continuing to work towards the development of a state-wide corella control program.**

**Reasons for the Motion**

- The Eastern Long-billed Corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*) is now well established around Perth and on the southerly Swan Coastal Plain to Busselton. This introduced species (derived from aviary escapees around Perth) is a major threat to our endemic corellas and black cockatoos. The Eastern Long-billed Corella poses an environmental threat to our endemic black cockatoos by out-competing for nest sites, their ability to remove eggs from the nest hollow and to kill and maim advanced nestlings. There is now urgent management needed in the Perth region and on the Swan Coastal Plain to control this introduced pest species. (Source: [click here](#))
- The Melville City Hockey Club (MCHC) is one of the largest sporting clubs within the City and is required to self-fund the replacement of its artificial surface every 7 to 8 years. Over the summer of 2021/22 the MCHC spent \$500,000 of its own funds on a brand new surface and associated underlay and within weeks of its installation, the Corellas had



caused damage to the surface. Attempts by the club to deter or 'move on' the corellas at a cost of circa \$30,000 plus countless hours of volunteer labour have to date been unsuccessful. It is estimated that on top of damage to the turf, \$4,000 per annum is spent on repairing infrastructure surrounding the turf that has also been destroyed by these birds. This figure does not include the additional \$80,000 associated with the premature deterioration of the turf caused by the Corellas and hence its earlier than normal replacement cycle.

3. These birds are a declared pest and are causing significant damage to a wide number of City of Melville assets, with this being just one example. The City has a responsibility to ensure its clubs can continue to operate efficiently and effectively, so it is deemed appropriate to attempt to manage the negative impact this species of Corella is having.
4. A collaborative, regional approach is most effective and efficient in controlling corella numbers. Informed by experience with the Coordinated Corella Control Program, WALGA considers such an approach should be led by the State Government, specifically the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and DBCA, in collaboration with Local Governments.
5. Despite concern at the limited effectiveness of Corella control programs undertaken by other local governments, there has been success. The City of Bunbury has a Corella Management Strategy. Culling resulted in a decrease in ratepayer and resident requests regarding the birds.

I have discussed this matter with Officers

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