



Presented to	Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 19 May 2026
Related to Item	Motion with Notice
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Attachments	Nil

MOTION

That the Council requests the CEO to:

- 1. Consult with relevant stakeholders to identify sites in other areas within John Connell reserve, for the transplanting of trees and grass trees from the area proposed to be cleared at John Connell Reserve and;**
- 2. Investigate and liaise with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to identify other acceptable natural areas in the City, in addition to those already approved in Ken Hurst Park, that would also be suitable as areas for replanting and revegetation and;**
- 3. Report the outcomes of points 1 and 2 above to a future meeting of Council.**

Reasons for the motion:

This motion has the following aims:

1. Save the trees to be cleared where possible, by transplanting in nearby locations, involving the relevant stakeholders in the process where possible. This will create opportunities for clubs, environmental groups, other stakeholders and the city to all make contributions and work together at a community level, to minimise the impact of clearing and deliver the best possible environmental outcomes for John Connell Reserve.
2. To maximise the \$1.3M opportunity to increase tree canopy and wildlife (eg Black Cockatoo) habitat in our City. With over 80 trees to be planted for every tree cleared, this will be a significant net positive result in the long-term and we should aim to make it the best possible.
3. Start preparations now to address the risk of low tree planting survival rates and associated potential cost overruns at Ken Hurst Park, which are both legitimate concerns raised by the community.

This motion does not seek an immediate amendment to the clearing permit, as officers have advised this would likely cause delays at this stage. Instead, it calls for preparatory work to identify alternative solutions in locations other than Ken Hurst Park that may be more suitable for tree planting and achieve higher success rates.

City officers have advised that while DWER clearing permit amendment requests are part of normal permit management, the City must comply with the existing conditions unless and until any amendment is formally approved. Should an amendment be required in future, this approach would enable the City to respond in a timely manner.