



<b>Presented to</b>	18 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council
<b>Related to Item</b>	Protecting Canning Bridge's Verge Trees
<b>Submitted by</b>	Cr N Pazolli
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil.

<b>x 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 the Council:

- 1) **Notes that the verge trees on portions of Kintail Road, Forbes Road and Sleat Road in Canning Bridge are at risk of removal as a result of the Main Roads initiated Planning Control Area 153, approved in August 2020 by the Minister for Planning, in preparation for the possible future widening of Canning Highway, construction of a new Canning Bridge and construction of a new Canning Bridge Busport.**
- 2) **Strongly supports the retention of these verge trees (London Plane & Jacaranda trees), recognising the environmental and amenity value they provide to the community.**
- 3) **Calls upon the Minister for Planning, Main Roads and the WA Planning Commission to protect these verge trees by amending the Planning Control Area 153.**
- 4) **Requests the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor to write to the WA State Government, particularly to the Minister of Planning, Main Roads and WA Planning Commission, advocating for the retention of these verge trees.**

### Reasons for the Motion

1. The Member for Bateman, Kim Giddens, is currently undertaking a parliamentary survey / petition calling for the retention of these verge trees in Canning Bridge. This Council motion is in support of that petition, but also brings to the public's attention the fundamental infrastructure drivers that have led to the extension of Planning Control Area 153 approved by the Minister of Planning in August 2020 and resulting from the Main Roads' plans for the construction of a new replacement Canning Bridge, the expansion of Canning Highway and the construction of a new Canning Bridge Busport.
2. The affected roads in PCA 153 are Kintail Rd (from Canning Bridge to Forbes St), Forbes Rd (from Kintail Rd to Sleat Rd) and Sleat Rd (from Forbes Rd to Canning Highway). Main Roads proposes these roads to eventually become the public bus transport and Kiss-&-Ride local access to a new Canning Bridge Busport via the existing end-of-life northern Canning Bridge.



3. There are approximately:

- Kintail Rd: 28 London Plane and two Jacaranda verge trees;
- Forbes Rd: 22 Jacaranda verge trees;
- Sleat Rd: 10 Jacaranda trees of which 2 are on the existing verge and the other 8 are planted in the middle median strip of Sleat Rd (6 of which are newly planted immature Jacaranda trees – trees in the median strip are at risk irrespective of any PCA reservation!).

4. This motion emphasises that the controlling decision makers and designers of these bridge and roadway expansion proposals are in the hands of the State Government and its instrumentalities (Main Roads, WAPC & Public Transport Authority). As such the role of the Council is to advocate to the State Government for the broader community benefit.

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