

## Correspondence List from 24 February 2023 to 10 March 2023

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02/03/2023	PHCC	Biodiversity Market Team Australian Government Dept of Climate Change, Energy The Environment and Water	PHCC Submission on the Nature Repair Market Bill Exposure Draft – Support with modifications
09/03/2023	PHCC	Mark Newman CEO CoM	Science Advisor for the Peel- Harvey and Lake Clifton Stewardship Program

Admin

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**From:** Jane O'Malley  
**Sent:** Friday, 24 February 2023 7:50 AM  
**To:** Grants  
**Cc:** Admin  
**Subject:** RE: Lotterywest referee report #75544  
**Attachments:** Referee Report Jane OMalley.pdf

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Please see attached my Referee Report.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Regards  
Jane

Jane O'Malley  
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**From:** Grants <Grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 February 2023 12:37 PM  
**To:** Jane O'Malley <Jane.OMalley@peel-harvey.org.au>  
**Subject:** Lotterywest referee report #75544

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Good afternoon Jane

You have been nominated by Orchids Western Australia Inc as a referee to support a recent grant application to Lotterywest.

We would appreciate it if you could complete this Referee form and email it back to us within the next 14 days.

If you have any questions, or would prefer to provide your reference by phone, please call us on 133 777.

Regards,

**Grants Customer Service Team**

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Lotterywest & Healthway

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Em: [grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au)



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# Referee Check for Lotterywest Grant



You have been nominated by the below organisation as a referee to support a recent grant application to Lotterywest. Please complete this form and email it back to us at grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au within the next 14 days.

If you have any questions, or would prefer to discuss your reference by phone, please call us on 133 777.

## Name of organisation applying for the grant:

Orchids Western Australia Inc

## Amount:

\$392,380

## Grant request:

Funding towards the Orchid Hub Project which will provide the focal point

## Your name:

Jane O'Malley

## Your organisation and role:

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Inc. - CEO

## Your relationship to the applicant organisation:

We are a not for profit natural resource management (environmental) organisation involved with conservation

## Do you support this grant request? If yes, why? If no, why not?

This grant for community based orchid conservation is the first of its type built from the grassroots. It meets the urgent and contemporary need for orchid conservation as the most endangered plant group in WA. In combination with orchids extraordinary high profile as beacons for conservation action the Orchid Hub project is extremely exciting and powerful for delivering a message to community volunteers that through sound science and community ownership real conservation

## Do you believe the organisation has the skills/capacity to deliver the proposed initiative?

The organisation Orchids WA and the partner groups are the leaders in the field of orchids and their propagation and conservation. Their skills and ability in combination are precisely aligned with the delivery of this high profile, imaginative and inspiring project.

## Is there anything else you would like to add?

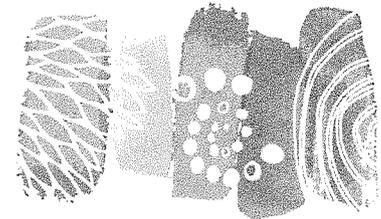
It is rare for orchids to ever appear in community programs despite everyone loving our bushland orchids. PHCC is particularly excited about how these iconic plants can be ambassadors for community conservation of these charismatic plants and know our membership and community members will be so thrilled to be trained and participate in these programs under the Orchid Hub

## Please provide your phone number in case we need to discuss your feedback.

0407988036 or 63698800

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference.

Enquiries: Jane O'Malley  
Our Ref: 008\_2023\_01\_31  
File No.: BU\_A\_605



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Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

2 February 2023

Chair, Members and Executive Officer  
Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group (PHBG)  
93 South Western Hwy  
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Dear Chair, Executive Officer and Members

**Assessing impacts on Biodiversity through the use of Pindone Baits to control introduced European Rabbits in the Peel-Harvey**

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) understands that ground baiting with pindone has been used historically and currently to minimise the impact of the introduced European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) on agricultural production and the environment in the Peel-Harvey region.

This method is available to landholders along with other rabbit control methods including biological control with rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV), den fumigation, warren destruction and shooting. PHCC advocates for an integrated pest management approach to address the impacts of rabbits that is suited to the areas involved. In the region this covers urban/residential, semi-rural and native vegetation that supports biodiverse areas of native fauna species including quenda, ringtail possums and raptors such as in the Lake Clifton/Herron area.

PHCC has concerns relating to the promotion and use of pindone given the risks posed to non-target native fauna, baiting programs in and near native vegetation, landholders being responsible for risk assessments and the complexity of specific baiting techniques required. Several of these issues are outlined in the resources and guide collated in the *Centre for Invasive Species Solutions toolkit* (refer <https://pestsmart.org.au/toolkit-resource/ground-baiting-of-rabbits-with-pindone/>). As you would be aware DBCA, the state's foremost department on conservation and environment have chosen to not use pindone, which demonstrates their genuine concerns on the impacts on biodiversity from its use.

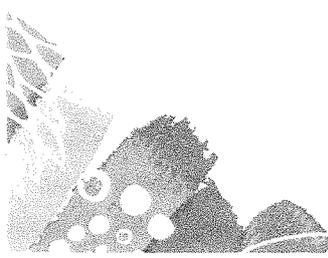
Our concerns have been highlighted in our recent camera monitoring at Lake Clifton, showing that native mammal, bird and reptiles were readily accessing non-poisoned oats within bait stations, designed to minimise non-target risk. We are happy to share this monitoring footage with you.

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With this in mind, PHCC has engaged Brent Johnson to help prepare a position statement on the use of pindone and its impacts on biodiversity, in different landscapes across the Peel-Harvey. Until this is developed and endorsed by our Board, PHCC is taking a precautionary approach and will not be funding or advocating for the use of pindone within the catchment.

PHCC values the working relationship with, and respects the current position of PHBG relating to rabbit control, which is such a complex and challenging issue.

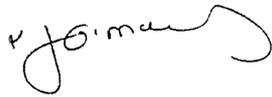
We hope that you will accept our invitation to be involved in this conversation to enable us to move forward in developing effective rabbit control that minimises impact to native fauna, in the hope that we can have a consistent approach and continued collaboration across both organisations.

We would also appreciate the opportunity to present and discuss our draft position statement, for your input, prior to it being presented to our Board of Management.

We will be in touch in respect to future discussions and ask that you note that we will not be funding or advocating the use of pindone within the Peel-Harvey until our position statement is complete and endorsed by our Board.

If you have any queries in regards to this please contact me on 6369 8800 or email [Jane.Omalley@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:Jane.Omalley@peel-harvey.org.au).

Yours sincerely



Jane O'Malley  
Chief Executive Officer



## DECLARED PESTS - DECLARED ACTION

Chair, Executive Officer and Members  
Peel Harvey Catchment Council  
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Dear Chair, Executive Officer and Members,

### ***Assessing impacts on Biodiversity through the use of Pindone Baits to control introduced European Rabbits in the Peel-Harvey***

Thank you for your letter received on the 3rd February, 2023, regarding PHCC concerns relating to the promotion and use of pindone in the Peel-Harvey Region. Your letter was discussed at the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group committee meeting on Wednesday 22 March, 2023.

The PHBG acknowledges the PHCC's concerns and would welcome the opportunity to both engage with Brett Johnson and to discuss your draft position statement prior to its presentation to your Board of Management.

The PHBG's vision is to see the negative impacts of declared pests reduced to a minimum, or level that is accepted locally, using the tools at our disposal to get priority pests on the day-to-day agenda of people who live, work or operate in our patch.

Pindone products are available locally, without restriction, for landholders to assist in the control of feral rabbits. The PHBG have developed instructions for landholders to use Pindone products safely and reduce off-target risks. These instructions were informed by information sessions with Dr Linton Staples, developer of the Pindone product Rabbait and the Ground Baiting of Rabbits with Pindone (RAB004) Standard Operating Procedures created by PestSmart.

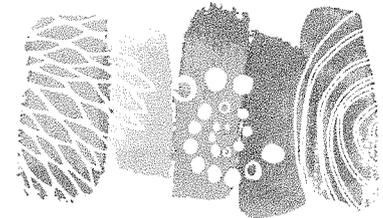
These instructions have been shared with the PHCC but any additional information or expertise needed in the development of the PHCC draft position statement will be made available to you.

Please liaise with Teele Hooper-Worrell to establish meeting dates with PHBG representatives.

Kind regards,

Brian Doy  
Chair, Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group

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Our Ref: 0021\_2032\_0302  
Your Ref: N/A  
File No.: CM\_CS\_100



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2 March 2023

Biodiversity Market Team

Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

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Submitted via on-line portal: <https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/national-biodiversity-market>

Dear Sir/Madam

**PHCC Submission on the Nature Repair Market Bill Exposure Draft – Support with modifications**

The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Nature Repair Market Exposure Draft legislation which are based on regional community and environmental interests. PHCC is a community based, Natural Resource Management (NRM) not for profit regional body working across the Peel-Harvey Catchment, covering over 1.1 million hectares of the Serpentine, Murray, Hotham, Williams and Harvey River catchments. PHCC's core aim is to be an agent for change towards a healthier Peel-Harvey catchment. As environmental stewards and professionals we aim to encourage and enable effective catchment management to create a healthier natural environment through collaborative partnerships for on-ground works and research, building community capacity and awareness, influencing and leading critical thought and practice and exemplifying best practice.

PHCC commends the Australian Government for embarking on the creation of the this legal instrument and considers that once in operation it will significantly support the current and future efforts being made to protect 30% of Australia's land for conservation purposes by 2030. The need for repair of our natural and agricultural landscapes is clear and a market based approach such as this which focuses on repairing biodiversity values in the long term is an excellent and well-needed addition to the suite of activities the Australian Government undertakes to meet our nation's international obligations in light of the recent State of the Environment Report 2021. Creating a market for Biodiversity, similar to the Carbon Market, will drive investment in projects that will have multiple and ongoing positive impacts for natural assets within our region, for our community and economy.

The current Draft Bill provides a solid framework for the operation of a successful Biodiversity Market and we offer the following comments.

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PHCC strongly supports:

- The development of appropriate standards of methodology determinations to ensure the success of the scheme. The methodologies should be derived from well established, scientific and rigorous methods, such as those developed for the Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network (TERN) project, or other nationally recognised methods such as the Society for Ecological Restoration Australia (SERA) National Standards (<https://www.seraustralasia.com/standards/home.html>), which are deemed the most appropriate for each landscape. Aligning the approved methodologies with the monitoring systems already in place within the NRM sector will ensure monitoring consistency of environmental condition. These will also support the identification and protection of regional biodiversity values which have regional, state and national values.
- Providing project opportunities and training to landholders on properties of all sizes to generate momentum to undertake projects either on their own, or in a group. Supporting involvement of a range of property sizes will assist in changing the trajectory of species currently in decline at regional, state and national scales. Every hectare counts and projects should be measured on their benefit to biodiversity, not just the size of their footprint.
- Approved projects are net-positive for biodiversity, not for net-zero gain e.g. offset projects that seek to replace habitat following its removal in another area. We believe excluding offset projects from the scheme is critical for delivering environmental restoration, rather than enabling environmental harm.
- Scope in the legislation to offer a sliding scale of value in Biodiversity Certificates based on the term of projects. The 25 year minimum is a good starting point, however providing an incentive in the legislation for 50 and 100 year commitments, with additional value in the Biodiversity Certificates, would recognise the importance of project permanence beyond 25 years and incentivise project proponents to undertake more permanent projects. Mechanisms to leverage more 'biodiversity value' from longer term agreements (e.g. 50 and 100 years), as we see that they will have higher cumulative impact on repairing landscape biodiversity values in our region.
- The Civil Penalty (2,000 penalty units) for carrying out a declared prohibited activity be strong enough to dissuade prohibited actions. If the prescribed penalty is too low it will not be an effective deterrent.
- The inclusion of methodology and a requirement on the land manager for the ongoing control of invasive species (including feral cats, feral pigs, rabbits and foxes and invasive plants) on a longitudinal basis, particularly where new habitat is being created. This requirement should be captured in the development of all new methodologies for planting and land management projects.

PHCC makes the following comments on specific wording within the Bill:

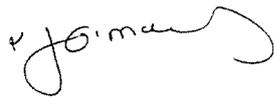
- Part 2, Division 5, Sect 33: Suggested addition: add sub-section (3) Projects that are considered offset projects are to be excluded projects.
- Part 2, Division 6, Sect 34, Subsection 2: Suggested addition: subsection (c) Projects of 50 and 100 years are encouraged and will receive a higher multiplier rate (e.g. 1.25 and 1.5 multiplier respectively) in their Biodiversity Certificate, acknowledging the cumulative benefit to biodiversity from longer term projects.

- Part 14, Division 2, Section 155: Suggested change: increase the penalty units for undertaking a declared prohibited action to 5,000 units.

The creation of a Biodiversity Market is a positive step towards protecting natural values in the landscape and as an NRM region and we look forward to being informed of the proposed review process which will provide an opportunity to modify and improve the implementation of this framework.

Should you have any queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) 6369 8800 or email [admin@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:admin@peel-harvey.org.au).

Yours sincerely



Jane O'Malley  
Chief Executive Officer

# Nature Repair Market Exposure Draft

## Nature repair market - exposure draft

Climate Change

Response received at:

3 March 2023, 1:45am

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Jane O'Malley

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Harvey catchment. As environmental stewards and professionals we aim to encourage and enable effective catchment management to create a healthier natural environment through collaborative partnerships for on-ground works and research, building community capacity and awareness, influencing and leading critical thought and practice and exemplifying best practice. A Nature Repair Market will help us fulfil our mission.

8 Who are you answering on behalf of?

Organisation

9 Organisation

Peel Harvey Catchment Council

10 What sector best describes you or your organisation?

Not answered

11 Email

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12 The intent of the Nature Repair Market Bill is to provide a framework for a market that supports an increase in private sector investment in restoring and protecting nature. How well does the draft Bill support this intent?

Please see our uploaded submission

13 Write your response above or upload a document here

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Our Ref: 022\_2023\_03\_09  
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Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

9 March, 2023

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MANDURAH WA 6210  
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Dear Mark

### Science Advisor for the Peel-Harvey and Lake Clifton Stewardship Program

I would like to thank the City of Mandurah for its previous financial support for the PHCC's Science Advisor and the Lake Clifton Stewardship Program. The contributions to these programs has been appreciated and helped to achieve good outcomes in line with our mutual objectives.

On behalf of the PHCC I confirm that we do not wish to progress with the proposed funding arrangement for the Science Advisor, as endorsed by Council on 13 December 2022. The conditions of the funding are inappropriately proportioned to the funding contribution.

In respect to the Lake Clifton Program, it is very disappointing that the history of what began as a positive and collaborative partnership to support landholders for behaviour change and stewardship of the Lake Clifton area appears to be lost. The lack of understanding of the objectives and benefits of the program by some parts of the organisation means that the PHCC team has had to spend an unreasonable amount of time justifying the benefits of the program, and being made to feel that our efforts and achievements are not valued. We respectfully decline the offer to further workshop this program and will seek alternative funding to try to continue to support the Lake Clifton community.

I am very disappointed to have to write this correspondence. We value our relationship with the City and would welcome a future discussion with Senior Management to identify mutual objectives and the strengths of each organisation to determine a positive way forward. Please know that ceasing funding support for these two important programs has not been made lightly and we hope to continue to work together, particularly for the benefit of our magnificent waterways.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) 6369 8800 or email [jane.omalley@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:jane.omalley@peel-harvey.org.au) if you would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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