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20 December 2022

Tanya Butler  
Registrar of Aboriginal Heritage Sites  
Department of Planning Lands and Heritage  
140 William St  
PERTH WA 6001

Dear Ms Butler

**Peel-Harvey Catchment Council - Regulation 10 Request for Approval**

During 2019-2020 the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) conducted foreshore condition assessments at eight sites on the Hotham and Williams Rivers. These assessments along with desktop assessment for the remainder of the Hotham-Williams Rivers catchment resulted in the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan (RAP). One of the main purposes of the RAP was to produce recommendations to improve the health of the Rivers at the eight sites that were assessed for foreshore condition. These recommendations are different for each site, and broadly include weed control, revegetation, fencing to control stock access, bank stabilisation (where erosion occurs), and installation of safe access points for stock and humans if and where required. After extensive community consultation during 2021, a restoration plan was produced for each of these sites. Some of the specific activities of these plans require Aboriginal Heritage Approval. An Activity Notice was submitted to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) in December 2021 outlining the proposed activities outlined in the plans. A subsequent desktop assessment has been carried out by Yates Heritage Consulting, the result of which recommended to seek Regulation 10 consent.

Please refer to attached request for Regulation 10 Approval to undertake environmental restoration works on the Hotham and Williams Rivers. The document outlines the rationale underpinning the request, site locations, risk assessment, aboriginal consultation and proposed activity timeline.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact PHCC's Operations Manager, Land Conservation & Agriculture, Melanie Durack on (08) 6369 8800 or email [admin@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:admin@peel-harvey.org.au).

Yours sincerely

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Melanie Durack for Jane O'Malley  
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cc: Amanda Yates (Yates Heritage Consultants)

Encl: Request for Regulation 10 Approval

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# Request for a Regulation 10 Approval to Undertake Environmental Restoration works along the Hotham and Williams Rivers.

Request to the DPLH Aboriginal Heritage  
By  
Dr Amanda Yates on  
Behalf of the  
Peel Harvey Catchment Council  
December 2022

## 1.0 Reason for Request.

The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) requests a Regulation 10 Approval to undertake proposed ground disturbing works associated with their Hotham-Williams River Action Plan. The proposed restoration works include the installation of controlled access points to the rivers, strategic stabilisation of the banks, revegetation, weed and pest control, fencing, installation of informational signage and recreational amenities along approximately 2-4km reach at each location.

The proposed works will impact the bed and banks of the Hotham River that has been Registered (ID 27935 Hotham River) for its mythological significance. There are a number of Other Heritage Places within the vicinity of the proposed works that will be avoided.

Yates Heritage Consultants has undertaken a Desktop assessment of the Aboriginal Heritage aspects of the proposed restoration program (see attached).

## 2.0 Location and Proposed Works.

The subject land comprises the following eight focal areas as listed below and illustrated in Figure 1.

1. Pumphreys Bridge, Hotham River; 3.5km reach downstream and upstream of the bridge on the Wandering-Narrogin Road and including the Pumphreys Old Bridge.
2. Williams town site, Williams River; 3.4km reach flowing through the Williams town site upstream and downstream of the junction with Albany Highway.
3. Quindanning, Williams River; 2.3km reach downstream and upstream of the Pinjarra-Williams Road at the Quindanning town site.
4. Ranford (Darminning) Pool, Hotham River; 1.8km reach upstream and downstream of the main Ranford Pool recreation area.
5. Popanyinning, Hotham River; 2.8km reach directly adjacent to the Popanyinning town site, parallel to the Great Southern Highway.
6. Yornaning Dam, Hotham River (tributary of); 1.2km reach which includes the dam and 2 creek lines flowing into it, which are tributaries to the Hotham River.
7. Hotham River Nature Reserve, Hotham River; 2.6km reach on the northern boundary of the Hotham River Nature Reserve and immediately downstream of where the Hotham River crosses the Great Southern Highway.
8. Boraning, Williams River. 0.7km reach immediately downstream of the bridge on the Pinjarra-Williams RD.

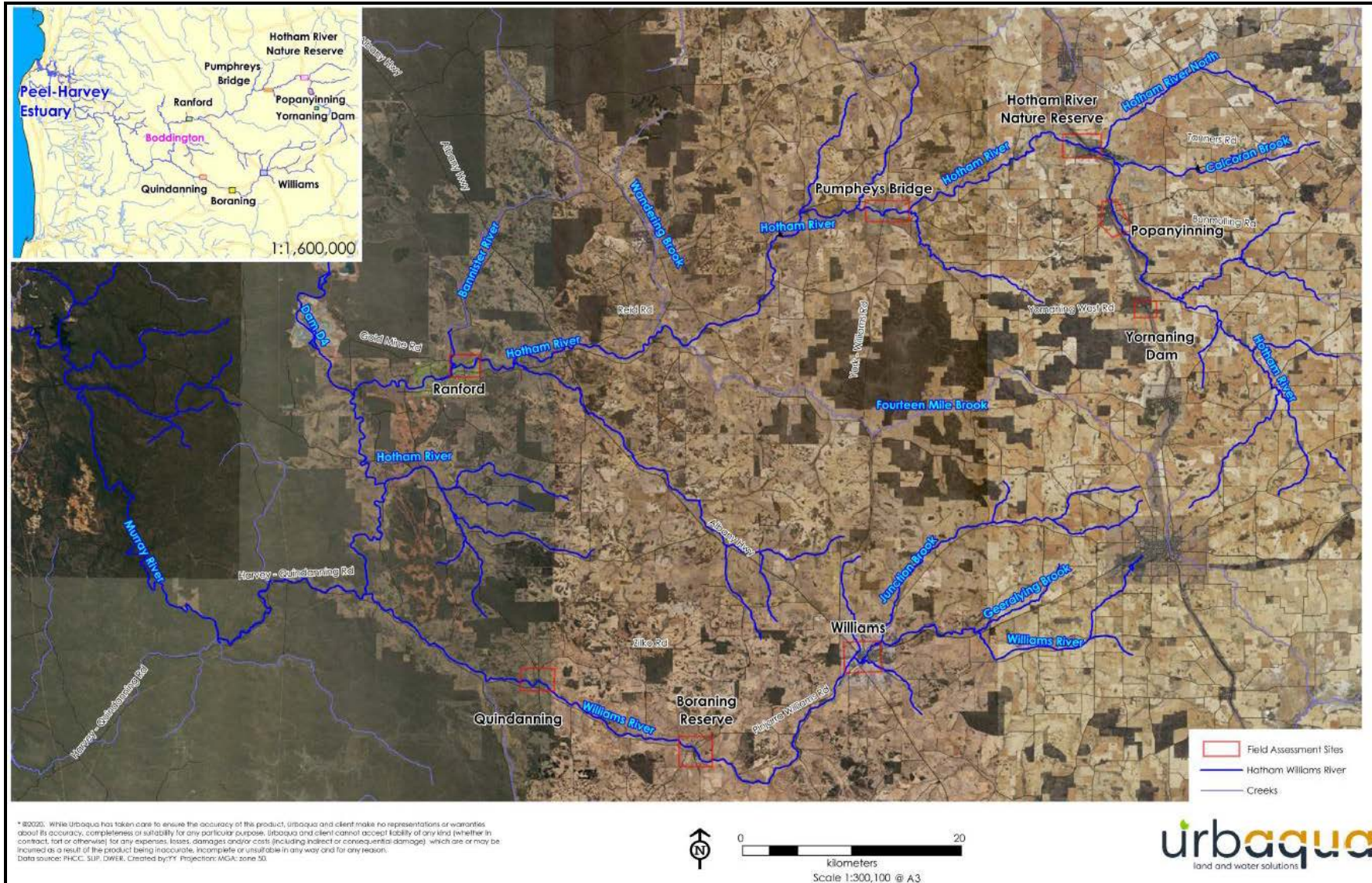
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Figure 1: Locality Plan of Hotham Williams River Action Plan (PHCC Supplied Plan).



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### 3.0 Risk Assessment

The proposed restoration program will impinge directly on Registered Site ID 27935 Hotham River and a number of Other Heritage Sites. Although only the Hotham River is currently Registered for its Mythological significance, the Aboriginal community would view the Williams River with the same sentiment. Moreover, archaeological site patterning of the wider region suggests the majority of artefact sites tend to focus on the flats around rivers, creeks and wetlands, with few traces of Aboriginal activity the hilly or dry type environments.

According to the DPLH Aboriginal Heritage Risk Matrix, the proposed activities fall between the categories of minimal and significant disturbance, with a risk assessment within a moderately altered environment as low to medium depending on the actual disturbance.

The PHCC will mitigate the risk by modifying the design plan to ensure that any significant disturbance to the bed and banks of the Hotham River only occurs within the footprint of previously disturbed or modified areas, such as previously machine graded areas, the original infrastructure, and previous fence holes.

### 4.0 Aboriginal Consultation.

The PHCC has already undertaken consultation with some of the Registered Site Informants and Knowledge Holders, summarised below.

1. Jock Abraham was consulted on 2 June 2021 whilst On Country at a family gravesite which was being restored and protected with support from PHCC's Numbat Neighbourhood project. Jock was shown maps of the River Action Plan (RAP) sites and provided discussion points, particularly about Pumphreys Bridge. Jock subsequently provided a letter of support for the implementation of the RAP (see Appendix 1).
2. Greg Thorne was consulted on 22 June 2021 whilst On Country at Tunbridge Gully, which is a PHCC project site attached to the Hotham River in Boddington. Greg was shown maps of the RAP sites and has subsequently provided a letter of support for the implementation of the RAP (see Appendix 1).
3. River Restoration Officer Kristy Gregory (Coordinator of the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan) was invited to an Abraham and extended family gathering 'Back to Pumphreys Bridge' on 4 December 2021. Kristy provided a brief summary of the intended restoration plans for the Hotham River at that site. There was a discussion about the need for acknowledgement and protection of significant areas that are outside of the Registered Heritage Site (Hotham River). Darryl Kickett was in attendance and Jock Abraham asked him to co-sign the letter of support for the RAP (see Appendix 1).

In addition to the above consultation, PHCC has had a number of communications with DPLH and SWALSC to clarify the process of Aboriginal Heritage Approvals for the intended works at the RAP sites:

1. On 11 October 2021, Mel Durack, Thelma Crook and Kristy Gregory from PHCC met with Glenn Shaw from DPLH. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss PHCC entering into a Noongar Heritage Agreement to outline rules of engagement and cover the PHCC operational area in the long term. At the time, it was thought that an Alternate Noongar Heritage Agreement would be most suitable.
2. PHCC submitted a detailed Activity Notice to SWALSC on 21 December 2021 outlining all intended works at the RAP sites.

- On 25 February 2022, PHCC staff met with Victoria Johnson from SWALSC and Glenn Shaw from DPLH for a half-day workshop to map out the Aboriginal Heritage Approvals process for the RAP sites. An overview of the submitted Activity Notice was given by PHCC and discussion of next steps in seeking Approvals. It was concluded that a Noongar Heritage Agreement was not applicable for the PHCC because of well-established policies and procedures around Noongar consultation.

Further to all of these meetings and consultations, the PHCC has been communicating with coordinators of the Curtin-UWA partnership project 'Healing Land Healing People'.

- On 16 November 2021, PHCC officers met with historian Anna Haebich about project synergies and potential partnerships. Anna provided a summary of the 'Healing Land Healing People' project, which is collecting historical, cultural and scientific data from Noongar camp sites in and around Dryandra, including Pumphreys Bridge. Feedback from Elders and Knowledge Holders is that they want to see recognition, restoration and restriction (protection) of these historical camp sites.
- On Sunday 16 October, PHCC officers attended a guided walk through Dryandra Woodland, led by Nick Abraham and Darryl Kickett. They spoke about the significance of the camping places for Noongar families. PHCC communicated with members of the 'Healing Land Healing People' project team that we would like to participate in partnerships where our projects overlap with objectives of the Wilman (Dryandra) People Corporation.

PHCC will conduct Aboriginal site inspections prior to, and monitoring of all significant disturbance activity by the Registered Site Informants and Knowledge Holders of the relevant Registered and Other Heritage Places that the restoration works will impinge on (see list of Site Informants/knowledge Holders per location). As per Heritage Industry standards all monitoring will be conducted with at least two Traditional Owners with the support of PHCC officers.

PHCC will also conduct an Aboriginal Site Recording/ Story telling program for all the restoration locations along the Hotham and Williams Rivers, to capture the local stories and make provisions for any significant sites that may be identified.

PHCC makes it their practice to use Aboriginal businesses to undertake their restoration works. In the past they have used Indigenous Workabout and Winjan Binjareb Boodja Rangers. PHCC intend to continue using Local Aboriginal organisations for the restoration of the RAP sites on the Hotham and Williams Rivers.

## 5.0 Proposed Activity Timetable.

Owing to funding and logistics the proposed restoration program will be undertaken in stages across the next few years as follows:

Site and intended works	Timeline	Comments
<p><u>Pumphreys Bridge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic restoration to the banks and riparian areas.</li> <li>Stabilisation of the Pumphreys Old Bridge ruin.</li> <li>Installation of amenities for controlled camping.</li> <li>Fencing and stock crossings where stock have uncontrolled access to the River.</li> </ul>	<p>November 2023 to November 2025. Early educational signs may be installed before June 2023 (away from the banks of the Hotham River).</p>	<p>Low impact works i.e. revegetation and weed control have already commenced (with permission from SWALSC).</p>

<p><u>Williams</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic restoration of the banks and riparian areas.</li> <li>• Controlled points for public access.</li> <li>• Pedestrian access tracks along the River (away from the banks).</li> </ul>	November 2023 to November 2025. Early educational signs may be installed before June 2023 (away from the banks of the Williams River).	Low impact works commenced, as above.
<p><u>Quindanning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of 'stepping stone' crossing for public access.</li> <li>• Fencing where stock have uncontrolled access to the River.</li> <li>• Installation of picnic amenities.</li> <li>• Installation of signs for environmental, cultural and historical information.</li> </ul>	2024-2026	Low impact works commenced, as above.
<p><u>Ranford Pool</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic restoration of the banks and riparian areas.</li> <li>• Fencing, as above.</li> <li>• Formalisation of existing pedestrian tracks away from the banks.</li> <li>• Installation of signs, as above.</li> </ul>	2024-2026	Low impact works commenced, as above.
<p><u>Popanyinning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic restoration of the banks and riparian areas.</li> <li>• Fencing where stock have uncontrolled access.</li> <li>• Additional pedestrian tracks away from the banks.</li> <li>• Upgrading of existing crossings.</li> <li>• Installation of signs, as above.</li> </ul>	2026-2028	Low impact works commenced, as above.
<p>Hotham River Nature Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic restoration, as above.</li> <li>• Fencing, as above.</li> </ul>	Post-2028	Low impact works will begin prior to 2028.
<p>Yornaning Dam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank restoration, as above.</li> <li>• Fencing, as above.</li> <li>• Signs, as above.</li> <li>• Additional pedestrian tracks and crossing.</li> </ul>	Post-2028	Low impact works will begin prior to 2028.
<p>Boraning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank restoration, as above.</li> </ul>	Post-2028	Low impact works will begin prior to 2028.

## Appendix 1 Letters of Support

Monday 20 December 2021

Mr Greg Thorne

101 Crossman Road

Boddington WA 6390

To Whom It May Concern

As a Senior Member of the local Aboriginal community I have been in discussions with project partners regarding the on-ground delivery of the Hotham – Williams River Action Plan. The location that has been discussed is Darminning (Ranford) Pool on the Hotham River in Boddington.

This is an important site for the local Noongar culture and we are happy to provide our support and ongoing involvement in the delivery of the project into the future. This project will benefit the local community with the rehabilitation activities that will be carried out.

Sincerely,



Mr Greg Thorne

Senior Member of the Local Aboriginal Community

Boddington



4 December 2021

Mr Travis (Jock) Abraham  
 PO Box 203  
 NARROGIN WA 6312

To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Support for the Hotham-Williams River Action Plan**

As a senior member of the local Noongar community I have been in discussions with the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council regarding the on-ground delivery of the Hotham – Williams River Action Plan. The locations on the Hotham and Williams Rivers discussed with me have been:

- Pumphreys Bridge
- Hotham River Nature Reserve
- Popanyinning
- Williams
- Yornaning Dam
- Boraning
- Quindanning

The Rivers are important sites for the local Noongar culture and we are happy to provide our support to the project proposals, and ongoing involvement as they are carried out at the project sites. These projects will result in restoration of the Rivers at the above locations, and this will benefit the local community and highlight to them the significance of the Rivers, both environmentally and culturally, for everyone who visits them.

Yours sincerely,

*Travis Jock Abraham* 4.12.21

Mr Jock Abraham

*Darryl Kickett*

DARRYL KICKETT

WILMATH BARBARA

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27 April 2023

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KENSINGTON WA 6151  
Email: snrmo@dpird.wa.gov.au

To whom it may concern

**State NRM Grant application supporting *Talkin' Soil Health Conference 2024***

The Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Inc. (PHCC) are pleased to support for Wheatbelt NRM's grant application focussed on the delivery of the *Talkin' Soil Health Conference* in 2024.

Soil health is integral to natural resource management, agricultural productivity and hence, the future of farming. PHCC has been involved with the *Talkin' Soil Health* conferences since their inaugural year and values the outcomes of this successful NRM WA collaboration.

PHCC involvement in the 'Talkin' Soil Health Conference' will help achieve the following targets outlined in the Peel-Harvey NRM Strategy (<https://peel-harvey.org.au/nrm-strategy-2>):

- (Objective 1) An Engaged and Active Community ; (Goal P2) Resource managers are supported to improve natural assets and productivity, and
- (Objective 3) Science and Knowledge Underpin Natural Resource Management; (Goal K2) Increase the effectiveness of natural resource management & (Goal K3) Land managers to use best knowledge and technology

PHCC will provide in-kind support for the 2024 conference as follows:

- Supply 1 staff member to attend the conference and assist during the event; and
- Nominate and support Peel-Harvey's Soil Health Champion, including supplying a video case study on the chosen champions story.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mick Davis on (08) 6369 8800 or email [mick.davis@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:mick.davis@peel-harvey.org.au).

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

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27 April 2023

Pierre Bouvais  
Chairperson – Core Strategic Group  
WA Coastal & Marine Community Network

Dear Pierre

**CMCN Letter of Support – Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC)**

Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) supports the WA Coastal and Marine Community Network's (CMCN) 'CoastACT 2023/2024 from Awareness to Action: Activating a State-Wide Coastal and Marine Community Network for WA' project.

We support the project aims and understand:

CMCN's work is building on the success of the CommConnect initiative funded by Coastwest 2022/2023.

Key focus areas to date have been:

- Whirlpool hub
- WA Coastal News
- CMCN Forums

The Network is seeking funds to:

- Maintain these important existing platforms for connectivity, collaboration and sharing of data, information and knowledge resources through the WA coastal community as well as further developing their capacity to provide 'decision support' to assist coastal managers interrogate existing resources to best inform their needs.
- Expand our innovative HYBRID workshop series to offer a unique, state-wide platform for the WA coastal community to share their experiences with ongoing projects and programmes. Those events strengthen cross-regional networking and state-wide knowledge sharing and aim to contribute to outcomes of marine and coastal conservation and resilience.

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- Formulate an Engagement Plan that focuses on incorporating Aboriginal knowledge, perspective, and expertise at a CMCN Strategic planning level with the ultimate goal of securing an Aboriginal representative as a participating member of our Core Strategic Group.

We understand CMCN, its members and supporting partners on this project are committed to the involvement of Traditional owners and Indigenous groups.

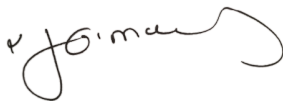
Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) will provide in kind support to CMCN through:

- Supporting resource library continuous development through providing resource links / data and/or information from our organisation
- Provision of venue/forums in kind.
- Support CMCN communication (social media, newsletters, events) by resharing with our network
- CMCN forum/workshop attendance when possible
- Promote CMCN membership through my network

Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) is a strong supporter of the Network and its contributions to coastal sustainability in Australia.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jane O'Malley 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

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27 April 2023

Pierre Bouvais  
Chairperson – Core Strategic Group  
WA Coastal & Marine Community Network

Dear Pierre

### **CMCN Letter of Support – Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC)**

Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) supports the WA Coastal and Marine Community Network's (CMCN) 2023/24 State NRM Stewardship Small Grant Application to fund a 'user-defined needs assessment to inform an ACTION PLAN for a connected, collaborative West Australian Coastal and Marine Community Network.'

We support the project aims and understand:

The CMCN (The Network) is moving from its Setup to Implementation phase having completed key tasks to establish its institutional capacity, set strategic vision and build a cross sectoral, multidisciplinary, state-wide community of 'coastal carers.'

To facilitate this transition, The Network is carrying out a series of Regional Strategic Workshops (funded by WALN) to identify locally relevant, practical, tangible actions that align to the CMCNS agreed set of 5 strategic objectives across the State.

This funding application seeks support to:

- Collate experiences and lessons learned from the proposed state-wide workshop series to identify practical, user-driven 'needs' to support local coastal stewards in WA.
- Evaluation of workshop outcomes will be used to inform a whole-of-network ACTION PLAN as well as to set priorities for subsequent, regionally focused, pilot studies that will focus on addressing identified 'needs' and formulating a fit-for-purpose approach to roll out across the State in a subsequent 3-year programme envisaged for 2025-2028.
- Evaluation outcomes will form the basis of The Networks Strategic Plan Review scheduled for 2025.

Funds secured will also be used to maintain core network operations through our Coastal Officer and Communications Officer roles.

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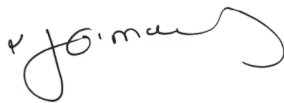
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28 April 2023

Mr Keith Pekin  
Chief Executive Officer  
Perth NRM  
PO Box 1132  
BENTLEY DC WA 6983

Dear Keith

**RE: Letter of Commitment for Perth NRM's 2023 Community Stewardship Grant – CSGS23066**

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) is pleased to support Perth NRM's application for 'Make your hectare count! Empowering Peri-Urban landholders to practice regeneration'.

The project is looking at facilitating local scale workshops (4) and field days (5) in Perth's Peri-Urban Region that focus on landscape restoration and regenerative practices such as soil health and testing, pasture management, protection of remnant vegetation, composting and sustainable food production. The aim of these events will also be to help small landholders connect with each other through peer-to-peer learning and engaging with local experts. In participating in these landscape restoration events, the project will provide small landholders the opportunity to contribute to improving wildlife corridors and waterways as these can lead to benefits for both the public and private counterparts.

PHCC has a history of supporting and working with Perth NRM in the Peri-urban areas of the Perth Metropolitan area, where small landholders' interests, economic and social catchments overlap, including workshops supporting sustainable equine property management, Stable Fly control and Dung Beetle management on equine properties.

PHCC involvement in the 'Make your hectare count! Empowering Peri-Urban Landholders to Practice Regeneration' will help achieve the following targets outlined in the Peel-Harvey NRM Strategy (<https://peel-harvey.org.au/nrm-strategy-2>):

- (Objective 1) An Engaged and Active Community; (Goal P2) Resource managers are supported to improve natural assets and productivity, and
- (Objective 3) Science and Knowledge Underpin Natural Resource Management; (Goal K2) Increase the effectiveness of natural resource management & (Goal K3) Land managers to use best knowledge and technology

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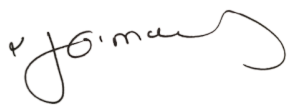
PHCC agrees to support the project through its Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF) to a value of \$3,500 in in-kind services by (dependent on funding and capacity at the time):

- Event promotion through PHCC's media channels – ca. \$1,000;
- Event logistics support (e.g. sourcing event locations) for events in the Peel-Harvey Catchment through existing landholder networks – ca. \$1,500.00; and
- Event participation at local sites within the Peel-Harvey Catchment - \$1,000 including staff and vehicle costs.

We are confident Perth NRM has the capacity, expertise, and experience to lead the 'Make your hectare count! Empowering Peri-Urban Landholders to Practice Regeneration' project and leverage additional resources to deliver results. We look forward to our continued work with Perth NRM to achieve long-term outcomes in landscape restoration and improved soil health in Perth's and Peel-Harvey's peri-urban regions.

Please feel free to contact me on 6369 8800 if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer



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28 April 2023

Mr Keith Pekin  
Chief Executive Officer  
Perth NRM  
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Dear Keith

**RE: Letter of Support: Perth NRM-RegenWA Large Community Grant Application – Regenerative Agriculture Acceleration Project**

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) is pleased to support Perth NRM and RegenWA application for their 'Regenerative Agriculture Acceleration Project'.

The project aims to:

- Provide an opportunity for NRM project officers, farm advisors and State Government officers access to subsidised training through registered training organisations;
- Implement 12 regenerative demonstrations with farmers;
- Provide 40 events associated with regenerative agriculture;
- Create regenerative agriculture grower hubs for group training and peer to peer training (TBC); and
- Employ an extension officer to drive adoption and regen research (through Perth NRM).

PHCC involvement in the Project will help achieve the following targets outlined in the Peel-Harvey NRM Strategy (<https://peel-harvey.org.au/nrm-strategy-2>):

- (Objective 1) An Engaged and Active Community; (Goal P2) Resource managers are supported to improve natural assets and productivity; and
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PHCC agrees to support the project through its Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (RALF) and other project staff as required (dependent on funding and capacity at the time) with the following monetary commitments:

- \$750 per PHCC staff member (plus accommodation and travel costs) attending Regenerative Grazing Management training (Year 1); and
- \$886 per PHCC staff member (plus accommodation and travel costs) attending Business Fundamentals training (Year 1).

PHCC agrees to support the events and field days in the Peel-Harvey catchment through in-kind staff time (dependent on funding and capacity at the time) which includes:

- Event promotion through PHCC's media channels;
- Event logistics support (e.g. sourcing event locations) for events in the Peel-Harvey Catchment through existing landholder networks; and
- Event participation at local sites within the Peel-Harvey Catchment.

We are confident Perth NRM – RegenWA has the capacity, expertise, and experience to lead the 'Regenerative Agriculture Acceleration Project' project and leverage additional resources to deliver results. We look forward to our continued work with Perth NRM and Regen WA to achieve long-term regenerative agriculture outcomes for landholders in the Peel-Harvey Catchment and wider South West WA area.

Please feel free to contact me on 6369 8800 if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



**for**  
Jane O'Malley  
Chief Executive Officer

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Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

5 May 2023

The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP  
Minister for the Environment and Water  
PO Box 6022  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

The Peel-Harvey Catchment council would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for the Environment and Water in the Albanese Labor government, and to also record our appreciation of the elevation of environment and biodiversity for priority action by this government.

It is very encouraging to see the efforts you are making to prioritise the environment portfolio, and the value that is being placed on matters of national environmental significance. The urgency you are bringing to these matters is also appreciated as we are particularly concerned about our Northern Jarrah Forest.

PHCC fully supports the development and implementation of the Nature Positive Plan. We look forward to assisting you with consultation and community engagement in whatever ways we can in our region in the development of the new National Environmental Standards, Environmental Protection Agency, and Nature Repair Market, together with the implementation of the 2022-2032 Threatened Species Action Plan.

Natural Capital Accounting also has our support, and we welcome recent initiatives from both the Australian and Western Australian governments on this issue.

Accordingly, we would be very happy to host you on a visit to the Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar site 482, and the opportunity to promote these initiatives. The visit could include projects such Numbat Neighbourhood, Farmers for Fauna, Black Cockatoos and Banksia Woodlands.

PHCC would also be able to facilitate bringing together local leaders, especially our regional indigenous partners as part of the itinerary.

Yours faithfully

Caroline Knight  
Chair

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8 May 2023

Teele Hooper-Worrell  
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Dear Teele

### **Pindone risks to non-target animals**

As raised in previous correspondence, Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) has concerns relating to use of Pindone to risk non-target native animals and as such been gathering information to help inform a position.

PHCC recently engaged an external consultant to undertake a literature review on Pindone history, current use and its impacts to non-target native animals. In summary, this review found a growing body of evidence to suggest there are significant risks to native animals particularly when used in bushland settings. These species include bandicoots, quolls, possums, western grey kangaroos and birds such as crested pigeons and other granivorous species. There is limited information on susceptibility to other species, including reptiles. There also appears to be no evidence that potential non-target issues were identified or investigated in the original registration in the 1980s, where Pindone was originally only to be used by authorised personnel such as Agriculture Protection Officers and licensed pest control operators with the appropriate endorsement. We will provide you with a copy of our consultants report and abstract once finalised.

PHCC supports many of the recommendations outlined by the Twigg (1999) review commissioned by the Department of Agriculture in WA. Specifically, that the use of Pindone should be restricted to fully trained and registered operators and, where possible (but particularly in bushlands) 1080 should be the poison of choice for rabbit baiting programs. Current labelling, poisons scheduling and use largely dismissed impacts to native species. Representatives from Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) also have expressed concern over use of Pindone impacting native fauna, and where the situations may or may not be appropriate to use Pindone.

PHCC have recently undertaken several risk assessments in collaboration with private landholders to determine risks to non-target animals through non-toxic trials using oats through recommended bait stations for rabbit control. These results clearly show that these stations are ineffective at restricting

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access to Pindone bait, as kangaroos, birds, Quenda and reptiles readily consume oats from bait stations. Further, many landholders that use Pindone are unaware of the risks to non-target animals.

PHCC is currently assessing the information in this review and working through next steps. One of these is to hold an invitation only facilitated key stakeholder forum to discuss use of Pindone and determine a way forward for rabbit control within our Catchment, followed by a public forum. The PHBG has key knowledge and technical experience in this area and it would be appreciated if members of PHBG board and staff could participate in both. A proposed date and more information for the targeted stakeholder forum will be sent for this shortly and any suggestions for attendees is appreciated.

In the interim, PHCC recommends that appropriate, standardised risk assessments involving monitored trials using oats without Pindone be undertaken prior to any use of Pindone. PHCC would like to recommend that this includes landholders who are advised to use Pindone through the PHBG. PHCC is happy to liaise with the PHBG on best methods to undertake these risk assessments to ensure consistency across our monitoring. On the basis of results, where a significant risk of non-target exposure is deemed to exist or identified via assessment, baiting should either be deemed inappropriate or measures need to be taken to minimise this risk, which do not include bait stations.

Lastly, I understand that you have been working with PHCC's Coordinator Land Conservation, Dr Corrine Duncan regarding suitable material to present at the PHBG 2023 Seedling Giveaway stall which is being held on 27 May. The PHBG has been involved with this Seedling Giveaway for several years and your input has been valuable for raising awareness of pests and weeds and suitable control methods in the Lake Clifton area. In light of our recent review of Pindone risk to non-target animals we ask that the Biosecurity Group do not promote the use of Pindone at this workshop, and that the PHBG instead register landholders interested in rabbit control, and provide these landholders support to undertake a Pindone risk-assessments and/or be involved in a future public workshop in the Lake Clifton Area, to discuss options for broad scale rabbit control.

We, like the PHBG are very concerned about rabbits in this area, and want to ensure we work together to enable wider landscape scale rabbit control that minimises impacts on our native animals and look forward to working with you to look for the best management in this patch.

Should you wish to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me (08) 6369 8800 or [admin@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:admin@peel-harvey.org.au). We look forward to working with the PHBG on this issue in the near future. Once again, thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate through this complex issue.

Yours sincerely



Jane O'Malley  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Brian Doy (Chair – PHBG)