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**SynergySoft:** I-31846 - A6856P

Hi Jennifer,

Parks and Wildlife would be prepared to accept a management order over the Packsaddle Creek Reserve Area when and if the proposed Packsaddle (Carr Boyd Ranges) Conservation Reserve is created. As part of the creation of the proposed Packsaddle Conservation Reserve a management plan would be prepared with the Miriuwung Traditional Owners which would look at recreation, conservation and commercial tourism opportunities within the reserve. The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley would be a stakeholder in this process and concerns regarding access could be addressed in development of the management plan.

Cheers

Luke

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**From:** Jennifer Ninyette [mailto:Jennifer.Ninyette@swek.wa.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 October 2015 11:06 AM  
**To:** Bentley, Luke  
**Subject:** Ord Final Agreement - Packsaddle Creek Reserve Area

Hi Luke,

The Shire has been approached by the Department of Lands, in relation to finalising a land management commitment outlined in the Ord Final Agreement (OFA) to create a reserve over portion of the Packsaddle Creek, identified in the OFA as 'Packsaddle Creek Reserve Area' and located near the Jimbilum, Yirrallem 1 and Yirrallem 2 communities. This commitment is for the land to be reserved for the purpose of 'recreation and watercourse protection', and subject to the consent of the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, to place the care, control and management of the reserve with the Shire. However, the OFA also stipulates that if the Shire consents to the management of the proposed reserve it would be subject to a condition that provides for future management by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) or the Conservation Commission Western Australia (CCWA) in conjunction with a potential national park or conservation park to be created over the adjacent Carr Boyd Ranges.

The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley supports the reservation of the land for the purpose of 'recreation and watercourse protection' in accordance with the OFA however also supports an alternative recommendation provided by the Department of Lands, that a Management Order for the proposed reserve

should be issued to either the DPaW or CCWA given the likelihood that a Conservation Park reserve will be pursued over the adjacent land to the south and therefore will be a logical extension of management by either entity. I understand that the Department of Lands has approached DPaW in regard to the Department's interest in managing the proposed reserve.

Council considered the proposed management of this reserve at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February 2015, however deferred from making a formal decision, and instead requested that more information be sought from the Department of Lands, in particular as to whether DPaW would be interested in managing this reserve, and if so, would public access to the Packsaddle Springs walk trail be preserved.

For your reference, below is the link to the February OCM minutes, with the report starting from page 170 and which includes the extract from the Ord Final Agreement and indicative plans of the proposed reserve.

[http://www.swek.wa.gov.au/Assets/Documents/Document-Centre/Council Agendas and Minutes 2015/Minutes 24 February 2015 OCM for web.pdf](http://www.swek.wa.gov.au/Assets/Documents/Document-Centre/Council%20Agendas%20and%20Minutes%202015/Minutes%2024%20February%202015%20OCM%20for%20web.pdf)

Are you please able to advise whether your Department has had the opportunity to consider this matter, and if so, what the Department's thoughts on this proposal are?

Regards

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