

## INVITATION

Landowners (Lowe Pty Ltd, Housing Authority, Mr K. Slee, Mr and Mrs E. Cameron and Dr. M. Greer and the City of Albany) are proposing to develop a portion of Bayonet Head for Residential, Public Open Space, Primary School and associated infrastructure purposes. The proposed development is being assessed as a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The proposal is summarised as a 'Plan for Development' area, which is located 7 kilometres north east of the CBD of Albany on the south coast of Western Australia. In accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, a Scoping Document has been prepared that will guide the preparation of the SEA. The Scoping Document is available for a public review period of 2 weeks from **20 April 2009**, closing on **4 May 2009**.

The Environmental Scoping Document describes the proposal, summarises current knowledge about the area, identifies environmental issues associated with the proposal and further works to be carried out and provides an outline of the contents for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The EPA invites people to make a submission on this Scoping Document. The environmental impact assessment process is designed to be transparent and accountable, and includes specific points for public involvement, including opportunities for public review of scoping documents. In releasing this document for public comment, the EPA advises that no decisions have been made to allow this proposal to be implemented.

Comments from government agencies and from the public will assist the EPA to ensure that appropriate information and studies are considered in the preparation of the subsequent SEA report. If you are able to, the EPA would welcome electronic submissions in particular, emailed to the project assessment officer or via the EPA's Website (see address below).

### **Where to get copies of the Scoping Document**

Printed copies or a CD-Rom version are available from:

Coffey Environments  
61 Duke St  
Albany WA 6330  
Phone: (08) 98926400

Copies of the Scoping Document may also be obtained from <http://www.heathdevelopment.com/>

### **Why write a submission?**

A submission is a way to provide information, express your opinion and put forward your suggested course of action - including any alternative approach. It is useful if you indicate any suggestions you have to improve the proposal.

All submissions received by the EPA will be acknowledged. Electronic submissions will be acknowledged electronically. The proponent will be required to provide adequate

responses to points raised in submissions. In preparing its assessment report for the Minister for the Environment, the EPA will consider the information in submissions, the proponent's responses and other relevant information. Submissions will be treated as public documents unless provided and received in confidence subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, and may be quoted in full or in part in each report.

### **Why not join a group?**

If you prefer not to write your own comments, it may be worthwhile joining with a group or other groups interested in making a submission on similar issues. Joint submissions may help to reduce the workload for an individual or group, as well as increase the pool of ideas and information. If you form a small group (up to 10 people) please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

### **Developing a submission**

You may agree or disagree with, or comment on, the general issues discussed in the Scoping Document. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions, supported by relevant data. You may make an important contribution by suggesting ways to make the proposal environmentally more acceptable.

When making comments on specific proposals in the Scoping Document:

- clearly state your point of view;
- indicate the source of your information or argument if this is applicable;
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives.

### **Points to keep in mind**

By keeping the following points in mind, you will make it easier for your submission to be analysed:

- This is a scoping document and not the SEA document itself
- attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your submission is helpful;
- refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the Scoping Document;
- if you discuss different sections of the Scoping Document, keep them distinct and separate, so there is no confusion as to which section you are considering;
- attach any factual information you may wish to provide and give details of the source. Make sure your information is accurate.

Remember to include:

- your name,
- address,
- date; and
- whether you want your submission to be confidential.

The closing date for submissions is: **4 May 2009**

The EPA prefers submissions to be sent in electronically. You can either e-mail the submission to the following address:

submissions.eia@dec.wa.gov.au

OR

use the submission form on the EPA's website:

[www.epa.wa.gov.au/submissions.asp](http://www.epa.wa.gov.au/submissions.asp) and click on the EIA Assessment Submission option

OR

You can post your submission to:

The Chairman  
Environmental Protection Authority  
Locked Bag 33  
Cloisters Square  
PERTH WA 6850

Attention: Alice O'Connor