

Attention: Mr Tony Dean (Shire President) and Nannup Shire Councillors.

Dear Mr Dean,

Blackwood Environment Society (Inc) and Bridgetown Greenbushes Friends of the Forest (Inc) are objecting to two mining exploration applications E706654 and E706655 covering 32,000 hectares of State Forest, National Park, conservation reserves and proposed nature reserves and forest conservation areas. Most of the 32,000 hectares under mining exploration applications straddles both the Bridgetown Greenbushes and the Nannup Shires. The attached map shows the Flinders Prospecting Pty Ltd mining tenement application area.

Of particular concern to the Bridgetown Greenbushes community is the encroachment of the mining tenement application onto the Dalgarpur National Park, Karri Gully (proposed Nature Reserve) and forest areas proposed to be included in the Conservation Estate in the current Forest Management Plan that have yet to have their classification completed.

These forests are recognised high conservation forests. In the greater Dalgarpur area, we have all four of our local forest trees occurring together, Karri, Marri, Blackbutt and Jarrah. From Karri Gully we have the most northerly occurrence of inland Karri. The Nunn Block and Dalgarpur National Park host some of the oldest and largest Blackbutt trees. The forest in the greater Dalgarpur and southwards to Donnelly hosts some of the finest remaining tall Jarrah – Marri Forest in the Southwest. Over the 32,000 hectares of the two tenement applications WAFA has mapped 1,589ha of old growth forest, including a patch in the northeast corner of the Gregeory Brook catchment.

These forests are home to many rare and endangered plant and animal species, including all three species of Black Cockatoo, and particularly the critically endangered Baudin's cockatoo. Small mammals include Chuditch, Brush-tailed Wallaby, Phascogale and the Western Ringtail Possum. And there is a notable population of Quokka in the Ellis Creek state forest, which is currently being monitored and studied by DBCA.

The internationally recognised Bibbulmun Track traverses the tenement north- south. These forests also provide opportunities for recreation and solitude, including bushwalking, bird watching, fishing, mountain biking on the Mundi Biddi trail and horse riding on the Warren Blackwood Stock Route. They include three long standing, popular picnic and walking sites at the Bridgetown Jarrah Park, Karri Gully and Willow Springs. Heritage listed Donnelly, a popular affordable tourist accommodation village developed from the old timber settlement, is an important tourist destination in the southern forests.

The Bridgetown Greenbushes Shire has recognised the importance of conserving these forests and at the May 28th Council meeting unanimously accepted our petition "To keep the Greater Dalgarpur Forest free from mining exploration" and adopted the recommendations as detailed in the attached 28 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes Item 17 document.

We understand that the Nannup community is currently in the process of striving to become a UNESCO Global Geopark. In the biotic part of their application, they highlight that over 85% of the land is covered by native vegetation, including endemic flora and fauna with Gondwana links and that 30% is reserved as National Park. UNESCO Geoparks must be managed in a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development. The disturbance caused by mining exploration and the mining activity that would follow would be totally incompatible with how Nannup sees its future.

We welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss our campaign and seek to understand your position in regards to these mining tenements from being granted.

Yours faithfully

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Attachments:

Map of Flinders Resources mining tenement application area.

Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes Minutes Ordinary Council meeting May 28 2025 Item 17