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ONLINE SUBMISSION

RE: RESPONSE TO DRAFT FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024 - 2033

The Shire of Nannup would like to provide the following formal feedback on the draft forest management plan 2024 – 2033.

The Shire requests that the following matters are addressed;

1. Modification of section 5.5.4 of the draft to:
 - a. Specifically refer to the need to maintain existing logging access roads, including bridges for the purposes of fire mitigation and reflect this within the Management activities section of Table 16; and
 - b. Support improvements and expansion of the Manjimup Airport and Nannup Airstrip to cater for larger numbers of aircraft movements and supporting services and facilities as may be required.
2. Request that the State Government give consideration to additional fire resources and mitigation budgets to ensure required firebreaks are established and maintained annually in order to offset the machinery and human resources that will no longer be available as a result of the significant scaling back of the native forest logging industry;
3. Modify section 5.5.5 to include a recommendation for increased funding and actions in terms of weed management, in order to control or eradicate localised weed invasion;
4. Update Section 5.5.6 of the draft to:
 - a. Recognise the existence of feral goats in the district and the Brumby's at Lake Muir; and
 - b. Acknowledge that the populations of these animals are localised and there is an opportunity for effective management and eradication.
 - c. Modify Table 18 – Summary of management directions for pest animals to:
 - i. Include reference to feral goats in the district and the Brumbies at Lake Muir within the 5th dot point, effectively recognising that the opportunity exists to control or eradicate them from the planning area; and
 - ii. Modify the Management Activities to ensure that the objective of eradicating feral pigs, deer, goats and Brumby populations within the planning area; and
 - iii. Identify the need to increase resources and budgets to achieve the same.
5. Section 5.6.1 of the draft be updated to:
 - a. Include reference to the fact that Nature Based Tourism is recognised as major opportunity to reduce the economic impact of the State



Government decision to end native forest logging, offsetting job losses associated with the native forest logging industry; and

- b. Recognise the need to expand Nature Based Tourism opportunities within the Warren Blackwood area.
6. Updated section 5.6.3 relating to Forest-based resources to:
- a. Acknowledge as reported through the research program FORESTCHECK, ecological thinning and salvaging will create a disturbance in the forest which may be beneficial for biodiversity;
 - b. Provide certainty for forest product based businesses such as the craft wood, furniture manufacturing and native flora harvesting industries moving forward; and
 - c. Update the key points and considerations, and the Management Activities section to reflect the same.
7. Include Key Performance Indicators (KPI) to measure the success of the draft Management Plan.

If you would like any further information or have any queries regarding the above mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact myself on (08) 9756 1018 or via email to nannup@nannup.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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