

Summary of submissions received – Draft Local Planning Policy No. 34 – Placement of fill in non urban areas

Submitter	No	Comment	Officer Response
Western Power	1.1	To the best of my knowledge, there are no objections to the changes you propose to carry out for the above-mentioned project.	Noted.
	1.2	<p>Please note:</p> <p>A) Perth One Call Service (Freecall 1100 or visit dialbeforeyoudig.com.au) must be contacted and location details (of Western Power underground cabling) obtained prior to any excavation commencing.</p> <p>B) Work Safe requirements must also be observed when excavation work is being undertaken in the vicinity of any Western Power assets.</p> <p>Western Power is obliged to point out that any change to the existing (power) system; if required, is the responsibility of the individual developer.</p>	Noted.
Department of Indigenous Affairs	2.1	<p>I suggest that the policies include the following statement: Ensure that any works are compliant with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972. It is a breach of this legislation to alter an Aboriginal site without the prior consent of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs. Fines can amount to \$20,000 for an individual and \$50,000 for a corporation. The register is available on the internet to search at http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Site-Search/Aboriginal-Heritage-Inquiry-System/ The legislative provisions place the obligation on an owner/developer to avoid impacting an Aboriginal site (see attached Word document dj16610.doc). If such impacts are unavoidable the proponent should seek the consent of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs. The register is available on the internet to search at http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Site-Search/Aboriginal-Heritage-Inquiry-System/ Examination of the Register of Aboriginal sites shows that many sites are recorded in areas subjected to heritage surveys. Water is an important locational factor for Aboriginal sites as water was then, as now, a crucial survival factor for people living traditional lifestyles. Additionally, this importance is reflected in the place that water holds in the spiritual and mythological realm for Aboriginal people over the past 50,000 years. Many important sites are centered on rivers, pools,</p>	Noted. Any existing or potential Aboriginal Heritage Sites are considered as part of any Development Application within the Shire. It is not considered necessary to include the requested information into the Policy given that it is considered as part of all planning applications.

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		<p>wells, soaks and estuaries.</p> <p>Planning documents are usually sensitive to the need the preservation of historic built heritage but no mention is made of the heritage that occupied the land for 99% of human history. I urge you to use an inventory of Aboriginal heritage places in your planning and approval processes. I suggest if the Shire has (or access to) a GIS, it could download the Sites database and use it as a planning dataset. Available at http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/en/Site-Search/Download-Site-Information/</p>	
Water Corporation	3.1	<p>Then placement of fill may affect service provider pipelines, cables and other existing or planned infrastructure.</p> <p>Under Section 2 it is suggested that another dot point be added with text "Impact on existing and future planned infrastructure".</p> <p>Under Section 8.2 add "Water Corporation for comment where the application involves a main drain or water service pipeline".</p>	<p>Support. Section 2.0 Background modified to include the following additional dot point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impact on existing and future planned infrastructure <p>Support. Section 8.2 has been modified to include the following additional dot point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Water Corporation where the application involves the filling of or adjacent to a main drain and/or a water service pipeline.