

APPLICATION RE APIARY/BEE KEEPING

22. By written advice of 8 April 2022, the Shire has requested an updated application form referencing the correct description of the activities proposed. The Shire has not indicated what it requires, and the said application currently describes the proposed works and/or land use as "apiary" - attached hereto is an amended page of that application for development approval which now refers to the proposed works and/or land use as apiary/beekeeping.

APPLICATION RE THE PROPOSED RURAL USE OF GROWING OF VEGETABLES, WATERMELONS AND MELONS DESCRIBED BY THE SHIRE AS "FLORICULTURE (EXTENSIVE)"

23. A nutrient irrigation management plan (NIMP) detailing the proposed system of nutrient application, management of ground water contamination risk; management to avoid nutrient export from the site and proposed irrigation methods is sought. I decline to provide an NIMP on account of the minor scale of the proposed growing of vegetables and the location of the proposed growing area not intruding on the purple area delineating the conservation category wetlands being north thereof by a distance of approximately 100 - 150 metres.

The nutrients I propose to provide are described in the application of 20 January 2022 at paragraph 15 which states - *The fertilisers I propose to use will be organic only, and primarily purchased from places such as Bunnings, in terms of bags of manure of various varieties including chick manure, cow manure and other like products.*

24. At any time, the area to be used for the growing of vegetables at any one time will be limited to 10 metres x 10 metres - that is approximately 100 square metres. That is the equivalent of a reasonable sized back lawn in suburban Perth. I would expect to use a 10 m x 10 m area for 6 months of the year and in summer.
25. There are no creeks on the subject property, the subject property is relatively flat and bearing in mind that the 10 x 10 square metre area of use will be rotated through the area of approximately 2,200 square metres referred to in paragraph 19, of my initial application and over possibly 10 years, there is no prospect of there being any movement by water run off, rain or otherwise of such limited nutrients from the subject property, let alone into the conservation category wetland or any water course or the like, nor any implications to, or prospect of ground water contamination.
26. I further clarify that the said application dated 20 January 2022 refers to the "selling" of vegetables, watermelons and melons. That is an error, there will be no selling to the public. All that is proposed to be grown, is for my own consumption and that of my family, and in that respect I refer to paragraph 20 of my said application.