

7.2.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN ELEMENT 1: MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL CONSERVATION ZONES

Introduction

Two Conservation Zones are indicated on the Comprehensive Development Plan (Figure 1). They are intended to preserve the remnant Dune Complex vegetation, the large block of Moonah – Coast Wirilda Shrubland to the west and the much smaller remnant of this to the east, where the largest Moonah stands are concentrated.

The vegetation has been considerably degraded (Section 5.1) but is still highly significant (Section 6.1). These remnants have several major management requirements to maintain and upgrade vegetation and fauna habitat values which are being eroded, particularly by weed invasion and rabbit grazing. The principal management issues are:

- Weed control
- Revegetation
- Rabbit control
- Fauna habitat and user-related issues
- Fire

These issues are addressed separately the table below. , Prior to the transfer of the Conservation Zones to the Council, the Developer must control, revegetation, rabbit control, fauna habitat protection / rehabilitation, user-related issues and fire management. Foxes may have a deleterious impact on fauna. Their control however, discussed in EMP Element 11 (Feral Animal Control) is only relevant in the context of the whole development area and it would be futile unless all surrounding land managers also took similar action in a community – based scheme over a wide area. The table below aims to identify management issues and the strategies required to achieve the specified objectives. Staging of the MWMP will be subject to Council budgetary undertakings and priorities.