

“ECOPARK” MANAGEMENT PLAN

Plan Summary

1 VEGETATION PROTECTION

- Remove only the vegetation required for construction and for safety. All other native vegetation should not be disturbed. Tape is to be used to mark the limit of all construction activities.
- Vegetation to be removed should be felled in the direction that minimizes damage to surrounding vegetation, preferably onto areas cleared or to be cleared.
- Determine if any native vegetative material (e.g. seed, wood chips or brushing) can be used on site or on a nearby reserve, before disposal.
- Dispose of unwanted vegetation to Vancouver Waste Services, George Street or Bakers Junction as directed by appropriate City of Albany Officer.
- Select the type and size of machinery appropriate for the task to minimize disturbance to vegetation.
- Work (e.g. cutting and fill) outside the drip line of a tree to reduce damage to the roots, trunk and limbs where possible.
- Fence off areas where identified native vegetation is threatened by vehicular activity or the storage of materials or equipment.
- Erect interpretive signage to highlight the environmental values of the park, and to encourage people to avoid disturbing the bushland (e.g. dumping of garden waste).

2 ENVIRONMENTAL WEED CONTROL

- Control environmental weeds in areas of native vegetation to be retained on an ongoing basis.
- Encourage the formation of a “Friends of Ecopark” to assist in the ongoing maintenance of the bushland in the park.
- Ensure machinery leaving the site has been brushed down to minimise the risk of spreading weeds to other areas.
- Cover truckloads of material that contains weeds, if weeds contain seeds that could blow off trucks on route to disposal site.
- Dispose of unwanted vegetation to Vancouver Waste Services, George Street or Bakers Junction as directed by appropriate City of Albany Officer.

3 REVEGETATION

- Encourage natural regeneration as much as possible. Utilise mulched vegetation from the site to promote regrowth of species that are native to the area.

- Seed and other plant material for rehabilitation works are to be collected as close as possible to the site (within 5km of site if possible) and from a similar vegetation type.

4 PLANTED VEGETATION

- Only local native plant species will be used for any tree plantings and garden plantings.
- Under no circumstances should known or potential environmental weed species be planted in the park.

5 NUTRIENT STRIPPING

- Sedges and rushes to be planted in wet areas to assist in stripping nutrients from the water flowing through and from the park.

6 FIRE MANAGEMENT

- No fire management actions are proposed, as access to the bushland in the park is already adequate.
- In the event any fires occur in the park, they will be extinguished as soon as possible.

7 PHYTOPHTHORA DIEBACK MANAGEMENT

- Avoid introducing soil infected with Phytophthora dieback to the park. Soil is to be tested before it is moved to the park.

8 STAFF AND CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT

- Provide written guidelines to contractors and staff that must be followed.
- Go through the guidelines with staff and contractors to make sure the guidelines are understood.
- If necessary, “walk the route” of the works to be undertaken with staff and contractors to ensure there are no misunderstandings.