

Warriup Swamp (Mulloculup Lake) proposal for water skiing - Key Points to Albany City Councillors

- Concern about Warriup Swamp also known as Mulloculup Lake or Swan Lake (in reserve 16367 MULLOCULUP NATURE RESERVE).
- Has already been illegal water skiing causing damage.
- City of Albany passed resolution of Council on 22 August 2017 to gazette the lake as a water ski area against wishes of Noongar community, local land owners, bird, wildlife and biodiversity specialists.
- Proponents small but vocal group of water skiers – lake is small so very limited number of boats able to use.
- Sacred to Aboriginal traditional owners as a kepi – freshwater swamp. A meeting place and food gathering area. Recently listed on Heritage Site Register.
- Importance for birds, vegetation and wildlife eg long necked turtle
 - Studies done by Birds Australia 2016 importance for wetlands and shorebirds. Species listed under EPBC
 - Albany TAFE 2014 large community wetland birds feed, roost and nest, recommended need for management guidelines to protect
 - Green Skills fauna survey for ITC 2009. 36 species mammals, reptiles and amphibians
- Proposal by City of Albany is contrary to purpose of the Reserve gazetted for – camping and conservation of flora and fauna in 1968. Gazette allows for ancillary and beneficial uses to that purpose – water skiing could not be considered that.
Section 49 (3) of the Land Administration Act 1997 states it should be cared for controlled and management to *“deal with the reserve in a manner consistent with the order”* and that a management plan should be submitted. Section 49 (3) states *“A management body must, before submitting a (management) plan to the minister....*
(a) *Consider any conservation, environmental or heritage issues relevant to the development, management or use of the Crown land in its managed reserve for the purpose of that managed reserve, and*
(b) *Incorporate in that plan a statement that it has considered those issues in drawing up the plan.”*

There is no management plan and the impacts of water skiing on conservation of flora and fauna has not been adequately considered. There is no ecological baseline done for the lake.

- Impacts of skiing:
 - Disturbance of ability to conduct cultural practices
 - Noise disturbance of bird life
 - Wash causing foreshore disturbance on nesting birds eg waterfowl, foreshore erosion
 - There are five other gazetted water ski areas already in the City of Albany. Lake Warriup is not an appropriate sixth location.
 - Warriup Swamp is one of the two remaining freshwater lakes between Albany and Esperance.

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