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**Native Vegetation in Western Australia: Issues paper for public consultation :
Endorsement of the Urban Bushland Council WA Inc's Submission.**

Although I am involved in numerous organisations relating to aspects of conservation, rehabilitation and natural history, this letter is written in my capacity as a private citizen.

I have read the Issues Paper and fully support the submission made by the Urban Bush Council WA Inc.

As one who is about to witness the destruction of what was until recently classified as Bush Forever (325) at Ocean Reef, I am extremely disappointed at the omission of a statement within the Issues Paper to a commitment to protect Bush Forever sites by legislation.

Also, I believe the Issue Paper fails to give enough weight to the relationship between nature and human health and well-being. Contemporary studies are demonstrating the benefits, living in or embracing the natural environment, can have on a person's mental health.

I look forward to these issues being incorporated into the draft policy.

Yours Sincerely

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