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Mr Stuart Jardine
Chief Executive Officer
City of Stirling
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Dear Mr Jardine

RE: SURFING WA PROPOSED HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Friends of Trigg Bushland (FoTB) thanks the City of Stirling for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed redevelopment of the Surfing WA Headquarters at Trigg Beach. We would also like to commend Surfing WA for the important community programs they provide, and for being proactive in their consultation approach by engaging in discussions with our organisation on a number of occasions.

FoTB understands that the current headquarters do not meet the demands or future needs of Surfing WA, and that a design solution is required. FoTB has reviewed the location and features of the proposed new headquarters and wishes to provide the following feedback:

- We strongly encourage the new headquarters utilise existing areas of hard landscaping, to minimise the development and loss of public open space. We suggest that the site of the existing premises, or the vacant kiosk immediately adjacent to the proposed location, be incorporated into the new headquarters. We believe that the retention of green spaces for socialisation, recreation, and climate change mitigation is important, particularly as Perth moves towards higher density living. For residents in apartments or dwellings on small blocks, areas of public open space are becoming increasingly valuable.
- While it is acknowledged that administration offices, storage facilities and training spaces are required, the 900 m² footprint of the new headquarters is considered excessive. Reducing the size of this development will be more in keeping with the existing development along this section of coastline, and reduce the impact of this development on public open space.
- The new headquarters should avoid the removal of any vegetation in Trigg Bushland Reserve, which comprises part of Bush Forever Site 308. Bush Forever sites are regionally significant ecological communities, and Site 308 best represents the typical plants and plant communities of the North Swan Coastal Plain. The coastal vegetation within the reserve at

Scarborough and Trigg Beach have high conservation value due to the different vegetation communities associated with the unique dune progression in the area. While the proposed headquarters impact a small section of bushland, the cumulative impacts of incremental development along the coastline reduce the reserve area and weaken ecological processes over time.

Trigg Bushland is unique in having a rich diversity of plants and animals within an urban area. It is one of the largest remaining bushland remnants in metropolitan Perth. It is the only urban bushland in Perth that includes coastal heathland on the edge of the Indian Ocean, and Tuart, Banksia, Marri and Jarrah forests. The bushland greatly contributes to the quality of life in our community, and better planning can ensure that we retain the myriad of benefits that it offers. We encourage the City of Stirling to be a leader in protection of our irreplaceable natural heritage and valuable areas of public open space for current and future generations to enjoy.

Should you like to discuss this submission in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0488 561 583.

Yours sincerely

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