GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Environmental Protection Authority

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Title:	Shire of Northam Local Planning Scheme 6 Amendment 25 (Omnibus)
Location:	Various land in the Shire of Northam local government area
Description:	The amendment proposes various changes to the Shire of Northam Local Planning Scheme No. 6 text and maps, including updated land use terms, definitions and permissibility and reclassifying reserves in line with the model provisions set out in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*.
Ref ID:	APP-0036072 / REC-0002115
Date Received:	12/06/2026 **Date Sufficient Information Received:** 12/06/2026
Responsible Authority:	Shire of Northam
Contact:	Jacob Smith
Preliminary Environmental Factors:	Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna, Inland Waters, Social Surroundings
Potential Significant Effects:	Future development associated with land use and zoning changes has the potential to impact native vegetation including habitat for black cockatoo species, as well as the Avon River and its foreshore and Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.
Protection:	The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) notes that potential impacts to the above environmental factors can be mitigated through future planning processes and compliance with the obligations of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 1972*. The EPA provides advice for specific areas with a higher risk of impacts to environmental values, highlighting reserves recommended to be reclassified to 'Environmental Conservation' instead of the proposed 'Public Open Space' reserve. Future significant proposals may require referral under Part IV or V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and/or *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
Determination:	**Referral Examined, Preliminary Investigations and Inquiries Conducted. Scheme Amendment Not to be Assessed under Part IV of the EP Act. Advice Given. (Not Appealable).**

The EPA has carried out some investigations and enquiries before deciding not to assess this scheme. In deciding not to formally assess the scheme, the EPA has determined that no further assessment is required by the EPA.

This Determination is not appealable.

Chair's Initials:

Date: 07 July 2026