Highway to Hope
Planning for Rehabilitating Roe 8

Linda Metz, City of Cockburn
Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we conduct our business. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. In particular we would like to acknowledge that the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project area is Wadjuk Nyungar boodja.
Acknowledgment of contributors and participants

The Rehabilitating Roe 8 project wishes to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who have given their time and energy to the project.

This project would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers, scientists, and community groups who have worked tirelessly to protect and rehabilitate this land.
Overview

• Getting the right people in the right place-establishing the Working Group
• Identifying the players
• Understanding the priorities
• Process
• Communications
• Developing the plan
• Implementation
Trip down memory lane

West Australian police say they arrested 30 people by 8am for disrupting land clearing works as bulldozers moved in on the controversial Roe 8 highway extension project.

After it was revealed that City of Cockburn was allowing camping at Basset Reserve in Bibra Lake, several protesters had to be arrested after breaking through a fence line.

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Breaking: police moving in to shift protesters who broke through the Roe 8 fence @7NewsPerth #wapol #roe8

Council slammed for facilitating ‘illegal’ Roe 8 protests

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A local council has been accused of facilitating illegal protests.

Roe 8: Perth’s environmental flashpoint in the WA election

NEVER AGAIN
REFLECTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AFTER ROE 8
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Statement from the Chair

Lisa O’Malley Member for Bicton MLA

Essentially, Rehabilitating Roe 8 aims to restore local native vegetation and fauna habitat to the cleared areas along the proposed Roe 8 alignment.

However, Rehabilitating Roe 8 is not a typical restoration project.

Due to the publicity and controversy surrounding the construction of Roe 8, the restoration of the cleared areas is a uniquely high-profile endeavour for Perth and Western Australia, with a correspondingly high level of community and stakeholder engagement.

It has been drafted with input from the general community, the scientific community, various levels of government and community groups, making it a unique collaboration for a once-in-Australia opportunity to rehabilitate cleared land.
Timeline

**March 2017**
- Labor win the election
- Members of CCWC, together with Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett, meet with Ministers Rita Saffioti, Stephen Dawson, Simone McGurk, Peter Tinley and MP Lisa O’Malley
- Scientific Advisory Committee first meeting

**April 2017**
RR8 Working Group is formed
Working Group
Chair Lisa O Malley Member for Bicton
• City of Cockburn
• Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
• Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre
• Conservation Council of WA
• Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)
• Main Roads WA and the Alliance
• Member for Willagee
• Minister for the Environment and Energy
• Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
• Perth Urban Restoration Scientific Advisory Committee (PURSAC)1
• Traditional Custodians of Beeliar Regional Park.
The Rehabilitating Roe 8 Working Group oversaw the initial management of cleared areas including:

- the removal of asbestos, mulch piles and some limestone tracks, weed management,
- installation of conservation fencing with public access gates,
- ongoing communications and;
- a tender process for the preparation of a ‘rehabilitation management plan’.

Working Group Objectives
Sub-Committees

Purpose: to provide key technical input into identified critical areas
March 2017 Perth Urban Restoration Scientific Advisory Committee (PURSAC)

*Graphic provided by PURSAC*
Scientific Advice on Management Actions and Review of Progress Towards Successful Restoration
When: Annual/6 Monthly? Key Decision Point Driven?
Who: PURSAC Sub Committee. Feedback to Project Manager and Steering Committee.

Implementation and Analysis of Restoration Monitoring
Flora - Fauna – Social Monitoring Activities.
Who: PURSAC members as project leads/team members reporting to Project Manager When: Monitoring Specific

Research Engagement and Prioritisation to develop Roe 8 as a hub for Restoration Research
Working with Steering Committee to identify and support research initiatives at Roe 8.
Who: PURSAC committee review and advise activity. PURSAC members to develop project ideas/external funding
*Graphic provided by PURSAC
Purpose: The Rehabilitation Sub Committee was tasked with determining the framework of a ‘rehabilitation management plan’ for the Roe 8 cleared areas. The RR8 Sub committee went on to form the basis of the steering committee.

The Rehabilitating Roe 8 sub committee includes representatives from the following community and stakeholder organisations:

- City of Cockburn
- Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
- Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre
- Conservation Council of WA
- DBCA
- Main Roads WA and Alliance
- PURSAC (Perth Urban Restoration Scientific Advisory Committee) represented by WABSI (WA Biodiversity and Science Institute)
- Traditional owners and Aboriginal custodians
Rehabilitation Sub Committee

Critical elements

Community

Restoration

Aboriginal site values

RMP
Key elements

• 10 year rehabilitation management plan
• Science based approach
• The restoration component of the RMP has been designed with attention to the principles and guidance provided in The National Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration in Australia (Standards Reference Group SERA 2017) (hereafter referred to as the Standards).
• Adaptive document that can be altered and improved over time to best meet the goals and objectives of Rehabilitating Roe 8.
• Must include a community and restoration component
Vision

• The draft vision for rehabilitating the Roe 8 alignment is:

“Over a 10-year period, rehabilitation, restoration and management actions will transform this impacted corridor into a young but thriving range of ecological communities.

These areas will be home to local biological diversity as well as become community spaces, allowing the public access to enjoy and respect the local environment via a connected pathway network.”
• Approvals and permits
• Aboriginal sites/culture
• Community engagement and involvement
• Vehicle access
• Prioritisation of works
• Monitoring and Evaluation
• Research
• Site assessment
• Objectives
• Zonings
• Completion criteria- adaptive management built into KPI’s
Preparation of tender document and briefing for prospective consultant

It must:

• Chiefly focussed on the restoration of cleared areas
• Need for new baseline data and review of previous studies
• Have well defined ambitious completion criteria
• Two aspects one to address the cleared areas and one to address the surrounding areas to ensure that revegetation efforts are supported by surrounding land management
• Include a OPC for 10 years
Main Roads WA issues request for quote

COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION OF ROE 8 MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017-2027
Purpose: The Rehabilitating Roe 8 Steering Committee was tasked with overseeing the preparation of a 'rehabilitation management plan' for the Roe 8 cleared areas.

The Rehabilitating Roe 8 Steering Committee includes representatives from the following community and stakeholder organisations:

• City of Cockburn
• Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor
• Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre
• Conservation Council of WA (Chair)
• DBCA
• Lisa O’Malley (Member for Bicton)
• Main Roads WA
• PURSAC (Perth Urban Restoration Scientific Advisory Committee)
Consultant appointed
Lead consultant (Restoration) and sub-consultant (Community engagement)

- *Emerge and Creating Communities* undertake community consultation in development of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Management Plan development including meeting with traditional custodians

- *Perth Urban Restoration Scientific Advisory Committee* provide input into completion criteria for inclusion in Rehabilitating Roe 8 Management Plan
Final Rehabilitating Roe 8 Management Plan 2018-2028 is received and forwarded to Minster for Transport

Approved by Minister Saffioti

Funding made available to Main Roads

Service agreement between City of Cockburn and Main Roads WA to implement RR8 RMP.
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