

UPDATE ON PROPOSED WALKTRAIL – WATTS ROAD TO CANNING RIVER GARDENS UPDATE

The Dept. of Environment and Conservation (DEC) recently conducted a survey of about 60 residents living adjacent/near the area of the proposed walk trail or boardwalk from Watts Road to Canning River Gardens. A strong response was received with over half of those surveying responding.

5 options were presented, falling into three major groups.

- (A) (Option 1) Pathway along the northern edge of the CRRP, close to house boundaries
- (B) (Options 2 – 4) Boardwalk path swinging some distance into the CRRP and eventually looping back in at the Eastern end, near Canning River Gardens.
- (C) (Option 5) No walk trail at all.

DEC have reported that respondents have strong objections to a walk trail running near their property boundaries, due mainly to security concerns. This option will not be pursued further. Preference indicates that a walk trail is wanted through the Surrey road marshlands generally along the route approved by the amendments to the Canning River Regional Park Draft Management Plan of September 2005, which approximates to the DEC favoured route being one that swings out away from the property line, in the vicinity of the drain that follows the line of the river, between the houses and the river.

It is to be hoped that the inward swing of the walk, trail/boardwalk will be directly in at right angles from the main pathway, towards Canning River Gardens, avoiding all property boundaries.

Further work will not take place in the near future. A review and approval process involving various groups with interests in the area must take place. Thus the input from relevant bodies such as the Swan River Trust, Canning Council, and local groups representing Aboriginal interest, flora and fauna, engineering and maintenance, costing and so on will be obtained, over a period of possibly 2-3 years.

The time taken is likely to result in a well planned facility, and a walk trail with boardwalk sections, which will have minimal impact upon residents and upon local flora and fauna. This may prove slightly more expensive than other options that have been mooted, but will be a valuable enhancement to the area and provide visitors a wonderful vista of this secluded section of Canning River Regional Parklands.

Unfortunately due to lack of space we are unable to show the route options in this issue but a detailed map in colour is available on the WRRRA homepage.

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