

3.4 Metronet Presentation

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| Time | 20 minutes |
| Presenter | Claire Paddison and Hannah Galloway |
| Attachments | Nil |

Purpose of the item

To engage First Nations stakeholders in the Town in key planning projects and developments that impact on culture and country.

Outcome

Cultural engagement and advice on the Metronet elevated rail project.

Strategic outcomes

| Civic Leadership | |
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| Community priority | Intended public value outcome or impact |
| CL3 - Accountability and good governance. | Engage the Community in Town priorities |

Outcomes

- Representatives from Metronet and Hassell Studio, outlined the proposal for the design of the elevated rail, landscaping of the project area and proposals for cultural integration and renaming.
- Detailed description of planned plantings and landscaping were provided.
- Metronet and Hassell Studio spokespeople communicated their intention to meet with a Mindeera group elder before the community engagement period is completed.
- Concern was raised by Mindeera members about the need to meet with Noongar elders in the Town more broadly, due to a lack of consultation on other developments, and significant distress being experienced in the First Nations community after the impact of the Optus Stadium development on Noongar songlines.
- Concern was raised by Mindeera members about the consideration of black cockatoo foraging habits in the design. Suggestions were made for closer attention to be given to the plantings of black cockatoo food sources, in terms of their proximity to the road and potential cockatoo fatalities.
- Suggestions were given by Mindeera members that the project leads consider the WALGA Biodiversity strategy in the development of their landscape design.
- Suggestions were given by Mindeera members that implementation of the Biodiversity strategy in this project plan, would allow for ecological corridors to be developed in the broader area, and thus assist in the population restoration and species protection of local fauna.

Actions

- Officer to coordinate meeting with Mindeera group in the next fortnight for the purposes of considering the plan in more detail, and collating feedback to be provided to Council and key stakeholders.