

## Why would the State Government put a road through this?



### **The South Trigg Beach Reserve Bush Forever Area 308 Class A Reserve, under threat.**

The State Government's development arm the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (MRA), has included two new roads in its \$100m Master Plan for the redevelopment of Scarborough Beach. These proposed roads would extend The Esplanade north and south at Scarborough Beach destroying vegetated coastal dunes which are designated Bush Forever Areas.

The photograph above shows the existing dual path that is the approximate route of the proposed northern road extension except the road west would be much wider and would be built further west towards the ocean. If this road is built it will destroy the best vegetated and most deeply dissected Quindalup dunes in this small pristine coastal reserve.

The standard width for two lane roads in WA is 7.4 metres and given the likelihood of parallel parking and a bike and pedestrian lane, we can safely assume these roads will be much wider. We have also been advised by the MRA that given the depth of the valleys and the height of the sand dunes along the road route, retaining walls or embankments will be necessary. Not only will this destroy the dunes along the route, the impact on the remainder of the reserve will be devastating, during construction and forever afterwards.

The MRA appears unmoved by the prospect of being the destroyer of the South Trigg Beach Reserve which is part of Bush Forever Area 308 and the Trigg Bushland. This 1km long (approximately 10 ha) dune reserve located between Scarborough and Trigg Beaches, is the only coastal reserve in the City of Stirling that is a designated Class A Reserve. This is in recognition of its importance as a flora and fauna habitat and an example of how our coastline used to look before white settlement. Located as it is between two of Perth's most popular beaches, this reserve is constantly under threat from development, this road proposal is the most recent example.

The South Trigg Beach Reserve contains some of the mostly densely vegetated dunes left between West Coast Highway and the ocean in the City of Stirling. The dunes are very steep and irregular as a result of multiple geological forces. Well known ecologist Dr Judy Fisher Phd has studied this reserve and prepared a report for the City of Stirling in 2013:

"This lengthy dunal system is the only location along the City of Stirling coastline where there remains a complete complex of foredune, swale and secondary dunal systems connected to inland and significant native vegetation, extending from the coastal fore dunes to the woodland for approximately two kilometres inland."

The South Trigg Beach Reserve is vested in the City of Stirling for the purpose of conservation, passive recreation and education. Last time we looked, roads did not fit into any of these categories. Why is the City of Stirling abrogating its responsibility as manager of this reserve?

The MRA has not released the final plans or maps of the proposed Esplanade road extensions. However, it constantly refers to the roads in its announcements on the Scarborough Beach redevelopment. No environmental assessment has been carried out on the impact of the construction of the roads despite surveyors recently seen working in the area. The lack of transparency on the part of the State Government and the MRA is totally unacceptable and displays contempt for the local residents and those who care about protecting what is left of our natural coastal environment.

Express your opposition to these roads by writing to the MRA at [reception@mra.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@mra.wa.gov.au) and the City of Stirling [stirling@stirling.wa.gov.au](mailto:stirling@stirling.wa.gov.au); Liza Harvey MLA Member for Scarborough at [Liza.Harvey@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:Liza.Harvey@mp.wa.gov.au).

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