

**The following announcement has appeared on the Waroona Shire web site:**

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*The Shire has received formal correspondence from the Western Australian Planning Commission in relation to the Draft Preston Beach Townsite Strategy. At its meeting of 24 February 2015, the Commission resolved not to support the proposed Draft Preston Beach Townsite Strategy and to refuse the proponents' request to initiate the associated proposed amendment to the Peel Region Scheme. The reasons for the Commission's decision are summarised as follows:*

- The proposed substantial urban expansion at Preston Beach is not consistent with the objectives and key requirements for substantial urban development in State Planning Policy 3 – Urban Growth and Settlement.*
- The Commission considers that the demand for substantial expansion of urban zoned land has not been adequately demonstrated.*
- The expansion of the Urban zone at Preston Beach is inconsistent with the Draft South Metropolitan and Peel Sub-Regional Planning Framework.*
- There is potential for significant indirect impacts from the proposed development on the adjacent wetlands and the Yalgorup National Park.*
- The proposal is not consistent with the objectives of the draft State Planning Policy 3.7 –Planning for Bushfire Risk Management.*

*In addition the Shire has been advised that the Commission and the Environmental Protection Authority are investigating the potential to reserve remnant rural zoned properties within the Yalgorup National Park area for 'Parks and Recreation'.*

*It is understood that the proponents are currently considering their response to the decision.*