

Letter to the Editor of the *Fremantle Herald*

The Liberal Party's wrap around in the Herald last week demonstrates a serious lack of environmental awareness. It claims that Roe 8 is leading the way in environmental design and offers as evidence that Roe 8 impacts only 0.49% of the entire Beelias Wetlands. This completely misses the point! The basis of our objections is that Roe 8 will fragment one of the last remaining patches of high quality banksia woodland and wetland left in the Perth Metropolitan Area. Fragmentation will lead to weed intrusion, increased risk of fires, disturbance of wildlife habitat and the complete loss of the wilderness experience. The EPA drew attention to this problem in its report on Roe 8 and the Commonwealth Government recently listed the Banksia Woodlands on their endangered list because of their concern about continuing fragmentation. The 1000 hectare offset in the Shire of Waroona does nothing to compensate Perth residents or the wildlife for the fragmentation of the Beelias Wetlands by this unnecessary road.

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