



# Western Plains South Green Wedge Background Reports

August 2018

## Consultation summary

The following comments provide a summary of the key issues raised from community consultation held in Wyndham and Melton during May and June 2018.

The Green Wedge is valued by residents who seek to maintain a rural lifestyle and protect the amenity and landscape values of the green Wedge.
Urban development is impacting on residents and farming operations in the Green Wedge.
There is concern over illegal dumping of rubbish, household items, building materials and fill.
Unoccupied dwellings and isolated areas of the Green Wedge are subject to vandalism and property theft.
Concern for the need to improve the management of public land to reduce the risk of grassfire.
Support for continuation of the Melton City Council Environmental Enhancement Program to improve weed management and pest control, and the Wyndham City Council Land Protection Grant Scheme to improve weed management.
Biodiversity values in the green Wedge are under threat and should be acknowledged in the Background Report.
Traditional owners welcome opportunities to work with stakeholders in the future management of Green Wedge issues.
Further opportunities to expand the recycled water network for agriculture.
Proposals for rezoning of land, changes to the Urban Growth Boundary, and changes to subdivision controls in some areas of the green wedge.
Support for tourism that promotes and supports environmental values of the Green Wedge.
Concern that land acquisition of Grasslands is too slow and leading to uncertainty for landholders, including in the wider Green Wedge.
Concern over road safety within the Green Wedge.
Buffers along the Urban Growth Boundary should be considered.

These issues will be considered where “in scope” in the drafting of the final version of the Background Report which will provide a basis for creating a Green Wedge Management Plan for each of Wyndham City Council and Melton City Council

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