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Our ref: Falls Road - road reserve

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## **Serpentine National Park Recreational Precinct Improvements**

Dear Mr Martin,

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) are planning to undertake improvements to the recreational infrastructure in Serpentine National Park at the Serpentine Falls recreation precinct (see attached concept plan). These improvements include:

- Park entry station
- Long vehicle drop off zone
- New traffic bridge
- New parking area with approximately 125 bays
- Expanded main picnic area
- Existing traffic bridge converted to pedestrian bridge
- Additional gathering and picnic areas
- New toilet block
- New walk trail bridge
- Rehabilitate unused road alignments.

During DBCA's planning process it has been identified that a portion of the project area is in the Falls Road, road reserve which is vested with the Shire of Serpentine—Jarrahdale. To allow planning to continue for this area of the project, DBCA is seeking the Shire's approval for the DBCA to progress a Section 18 Heritage application and the future construction of recreational infrastructure on the portion the Falls Road reserve, within Serpentine National Park.

DBCA also requests that the Shire of Serpentine – Jarrahdale further supports closing the portion of Falls Road that is within the national park. This would rationalise the management of Falls Road within the park and rationalise the park's boundaries. DBCA's

Land Services Unit is interested in engaging with the Shire to see the closure of a portion of Falls Road reserve surrounded by national park. The closure of this section of Falls Road reserve would ensure DBCA has sole responsibility for management of Falls Road within the park boundaries and ensure these complications do not occur in the future.

Should you require further information regarding the project, or the request to close a portion of Falls Road, please contact Project Manager, Mr. Neil Craggs at <a href="mailto:neil.craggs@dbca.wa.gov.au">neil.craggs@dbca.wa.gov.au</a> or on 9442 0300.

Your sincerely,

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