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Dear Barry

Letter of Support for Upgrading facilities at Samphire Cove Nature Reserve to Facilitate Wheel Chair Access

The City of Mandurah would like to express its support for Friends of Samphire Cove Nature Reserve in sourcing funding options to provide wheel chair access via a limestone pathway from the Reserves entrance to a Bird Hide.

Statistically Mandurah is estimated to have 25% of its population with a disability compared to the state average of 20%. This figure is expected to grow as Mandurah continues to attract retirees. Upgrading the facilities at Samphire Cove will allow improved social inclusion outcomes for people with a disability and seniors.

This proposed project specifically aligns with the City of Mandurah Access and Inclusion Plan (AIP) strategy;

- o **Outcome 2** – People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access buildings and facilities

The City also has an Active Ageing Strategy which seeks to make Mandurah a liveable and comfortable city for Seniors.

We fully support any infrastructure that improves accessibility for all ages and abilities. For any further queries please don't hesitate to contact Community Development Officer, Sonya Snowsill on 9550 3275 or cdo@mandurah.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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