

SAMPLE ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION LETTER – FOR GUIDANCE ONLY

Dear Friend

The Friends of XXXXXXXXXXXX and the Shire of XXXXXXXXX are committed to the protection of the foreshore reserve. The Shire intends to apply for a Coastwest grant to rehabilitate the coastal dunes, provide a walkway to the beach and install information signage on the reserve. Please see the attached map of the area.

Coastwest grants are for projects that will care for the coastal and marine environment of Western Australia. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage administers the grants on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Coastwest encourages applicants to consult with the traditional owners and other Aboriginal people and groups with rights and interests in the area.

In our project, we plan to build a 1.5 metre wide by 25 metre long walkway to the beach. The planting of local species will also help to stabilise the dune, which has previously been eroded by uncontrolled pedestrian access. Signs will help to educate visitors about the special values of the site and the reasons to care for it. Please see the attached photos of the project area and the site plan.

Considering the close association Aboriginal people have with the coast, I would be interested to hear of any queries or concerns you may have with the project; perhaps how it could be improved, or if you wish to be involved? We would like to include heritage information, if appropriate, in the signs.

According to our site register search there are no registered sites in the area. (Please see the attached results). Please also advise us of any culturally sensitive areas that we should take into consideration.

If you would like to meet on site, or would like me to brief your group at a more convenient location, please contact me on 08 XXXX XXXX.

Yours faithfully