Date of meeting: Thursday 09/03/2006

Present: Mr Ian Callahan (Chair)  Professor Phil Jennings
Professor John Yovich  Assoc Prof Jim Macbeth
Dr Martin Anda  Dr Melanie Strawbridge
Prof Nick Costa  Ms Carolyn Jakobsen

Secretary: Samantha Summerton

Apologies: Mr Garry Hunt

Official attendees: Mr Mal Bradley

Observers: Mr Craig Spence

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Garry Hunt was an apology for the meeting, Mr Ian Callahan chaired the meeting. The Committee welcomed Prof Nick Costa and Assoc Prof Jim Macbeth to their first Environmental Committee meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (SENATE STANDING ORDERS CLAUSE 4.2)

Nil.

3. BEELIAR WETLANDS REPORT

The Committee resolved to approve the Beeliar Wetlands Report, tabled at the 27/07/2005 meeting that was inquorate.

Resolved: To approve the Beeliar Wetlands report.
EC/01/2006

4. CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE

The Director, Commercial Services, briefed the Committee on the following topics:

4.1 Banksia Court

Planted in 2 parts, an upper and lower, Banksia Court was established in 1995 to celebrate the University’s 20th anniversary. It has fallen into disrepair and plans have been drawn up to remove the dead and decaying banksias, ring fence the area and showcase the flora. New labels will identify the various species and a walk will be established, in keeping with the University’s botanical and educational heritage.

Resolved: For Prof Jennings and Director, Commercial Services to review Banksia Court, gather feedback from the site designer Adjunct Prof Alex George, and report back to the committee on options to improve the site.
EC/02/2006

4.2 CCIBS / Mental Health building

The Director, Corporate Services briefed the committee on potential locations
for the CCIBS and Mental Health facilities.

4.3 University ring road

Options for an amendment to the current ring road were presented to the Committee. The road needs to be moved for public transport reasons and to ensure effective commercial development of the University’s campus. The Committee highlighted the need for a balance between commercial development and the necessity of significant bushland and trees. Prof Jennings and the Director, Commercial Services agreed to physically examine the area in order to establish the required balance.

4.4 University landscaping

The University has employed landscape architects and species specialists to review the campus and design a landscaping plan. The Committee requested plan includes landscaping principles to ensure any additional development to the University complies with the landscaping plan.

4.5 Richard Hobbs’ research site

Prof Hobbs has acquired 4 separate sites on the University’s South Street campus to conduct research on recovery of degraded bushland sites.

4.6 Significant trees register

Landscape architects and environmental scientists have been invited to tender to the University to establish a register of significant trees and flora on the University’s campuses. The Committee has requested that the successful consultants speak with members of the University community when identifying significant flora, particularly as some of the introduced trees have become important breeding areas for indigenous fauna.

4.7 Agricultural Department site (including glasshouses and field plots)

There is currently a short term requirement for additional shadehouses and field plots. The University would like to utilise all of its existing facilities, relocate new ones to the area identified in close proximity to the Veterinary farm, Sandalinc and the State Animal Research Centre, and eventually move some of these facilities to Medina.

4.8 Murdoch Drive road realignment

Murdoch Drive needs to be realigned in order to create greater access to the proposed Fiona Stanley Hospital. In doing so, the road will be moved closer to the Beeliar wetlands. The Committee has been asked to raise any questions or comments on this possible outcome to the Director, Commercial Services.

5. 2005 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The committee discussed the timing of the presentation of the Environmental report to Senate and resolved the following

Resolved: To recommend to Senate that the Environmental report for 2006 be tabled at the March 2007 Senate forthwith to prevent an 11 month lag on the information contained within. The 2005 report will be completed as soon as is possible endeavouring to be done by the July Environment Committee meeting.

6. RENEWABLE ENERGY

Mr Mal Bradley spoke to his paper to the Committee. The Committee recommended that the Director, Commercial Services review the paper and report back to the
Committee at the 13/04/2006 meeting on the best methods to achieve the goals outlined in the document.

7. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Committee discussed its terms of reference requirement for a student with an interest in environmentalism to join the committee. It resolved as follows:

**Resolved:** To accept the nomination of Mr Mal Bradley and a student representative nominated by Prof Nick Costa to fill the vacant position. The Chair will decide which nomination to proceed with at the 13/04/2006 meeting and notify the successful party of his or her position on the committee.

8. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2006**

The Environmental Committee will meet at 16:00 in room 4.1A of the Chancellery Building on the following dates:

- Thursday 13/04/2006;
- Thursday 18/05/2006;
- Thursday 22/06/2006;
- Thursday 17/08/2006;
- Thursday 05/10/2006;

Signed as a true record of the meeting of the Environmental Committee held on 09/03/2006

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**Mr Ian Callahan**  
**Acting Chair**

Dated: April, 2006