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NEW HABITAT MAPS A WIN FOR CARNABY'S COCKATOOS AND DEVELOPERS

The UDIA has welcomed today's release of a set of maps outlining the habitat of the endangered Carnabys Cockatoo, describing them as a valuable guide to the habitat of the bird in Perth, Peel and the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme areas.

"These maps will provide valuable information on the foraging, nesting and breeding habitats of Carnaby's Cockatoo and will help developers throughout the regions in planning and decision making," UDIA CEO Debra Goostrey said.

"It's a useful step forward that will clarify critical questions about the habitat of the birds but it's vital that state and federal governments now take the next step to streamline the lengthy bureaucratic procedures aimed at protecting them and their habitat," she said.

"The current complex, uncertain and contradictory procedures are in no one's interests. They slow up the release of land for developers which in turn increases the cost of housing lots for buyers.

"Worst of all they delay measures that can better protect these endangered birds that are so popular with West Australians," she said.

"We're urging state and federal governments to work together with industry to deliver a more effective way to protect Carnabys Cockatoos and other endangered species with a more integrated approach to environmental assessments."

Ms Goostrey said updated recovery programs for endangered species such as Carnabys Cockatoo were urgently needed and were a measure that would be supported by the development industry.

The maps have been produced by the Department of Planning in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Conservation with funding from the West Australian Natural Resource Management Program.

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