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Dear Sir

Rottnest Island Management Plan 2014-19

As you are aware the Committee for Perth is the leading think tank focused on the future growth and development of the Perth and Peel regions. We do this through an evidence based approach and through three streams of work – reshaping, reforming and revitalising.

On behalf of the Reshaping Working Group, I write to provide comment on the Draft Rottnest Island Management Plan 2014-19 and Master Plan documents.

The Committee for Perth supports and congratulates the Rottnest Island Authority in taking a strategic approach to ensuring that Rottnest Island has a positive and sustainable future.

Rottnest Island plays an important role in the Perth region, not only as a holiday destination for local people; but as a place of cultural and heritage significance, particularly to Western Australia's Aboriginal people; as an environmental asset; and as a tourism destination.

The Committee for Perth believes that there are very substantial opportunities to enhance all of these roles, and in doing so grow the year-round use of the Island by local, national and international people and businesses – and increase the positive contribution that the Island makes to the Perth region as a livable, vital and sustainable city.

In this context the Committee supports the Vision, Values and Strategic Value Areas identified and welcomes the development of the draft Masterplan which provides a clear and concise direction for the future development of the Island's places and spaces.

The Committee for Perth supports all of the identified enhancements and developments identified and believes that these types of changes are necessary to ensuring that Rottnest Island can attract more visitors, be more financially sustainable and keep pace with visitor needs, expectations and demands.

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However we believe that heritage interpretation has a central role to play in enhancing the contribution of Rottnest Island to the Perth region and we therefore suggest that the Island Heritage Interpretation Plan is updated as a priority, and that any identified works to improve heritage interpretation on the Island are integrated with, and occur in conjunction with, proposed improvements to landscaping and facilities identified in the Masterplan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Rottnest Island Management Plan.

Yours sincerely

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