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Dear Professor Newman

My submission is for the unique lower land of the Heathcote site in Applecross and is on behalf of the “community” as follows:

Past – indigenous people, European pioneers/early settlers and all 20th Century ‘players’

Present – local, interstate and international population and other living things

Future – all generations to come from the 21st Century and on

I believe the whole lower land needs to be gardens, parks, recreation areas, wetlands and natural springs where our aboriginal, European and Australian (multicultural) heritage is celebrated in a sustainable way.

I.e.

1. Re-creation of gardens – native vegetation, fruit/nut orchard, vegetable garden (Australian and indigenous varieties) ornamental garden, all based on organic/permaculture principles.
2. Restoration of wetlands and native flora and fauna
3. An aboriginal focus
4. Community amphitheatre / solar passive shelter (cultural / education area)
5. Public toilets
6. Car park
7. Open public space
8. Natural springs

Based on organic/permaculture principles “The Lost Gardens of Heathcote” will be sustainable for all Western Australian (present and future) to enjoy.

What are the benefits?

Economic

- Massive saving on state/federal health costs due to a healthier / happier population (see social benefits)
- Establishment of Friends of Heathcote Association made up of members from all Cross sections of society to contribute to success of gardens
- Productive garden of aboriginal foods
- Productive garden of vegetable garden / fruit orchard
- Produce to supply local concerns – restaurants etc
- Enhancement of tourism for Perth WA.

Social

- A place where cultural significance (indigenous and white Australian) is recognised, respected and retained
- A place for relaxation, peace and tranquillity for all to access.
- A place where community and families can share quality time (as evidenced on top area of Heathcote)
- A place for the arts to be enjoyed – music, singing etc
- A place for physical activity – games, sport, dance, walking, yoga etc
- A place of learning – org./perm. Gardening, astronomy, sustainable technologies
- A place for people to access organically grown produce
- A place where community members can contribute skills and experience, especially senior citizens and youth
- A place for all

Environmental

- Permaculture/organic farming allows us to take what we need from the land whilst nurturing the land (sustainable agriculture)
- Reclaiming wetlands including flora and fauna
- Contribution to restoring quality of Swan River system
- Promoting growth of native vegetation
- Nurturing land, water and air contributes to the sustainability of the wider environment – WA, Australia and planet earth.

Please see attached documentation.

I am mindful of the importance of thorough and professional planning and implementation of such unique and significant, ambitious project such as I have outline. I look forward to your response and feedback to my submission.

Of course you will require a detailed, professional proposal which I am happy to forward on request.

Yours sincerely

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