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## **Brigadoon development receives Federal Minister's green light**

Peet Limited's proposed Special Rural community at Brigadoon has received the green light from the Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

Peet Limited Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Brendan Gore said the decision was a significant step towards the creation of a unique residential community.

"The Federal Government's approval of our plans for Brigadoon recognises Peet's commitment to the development of a sustainable community at Brigadoon that is in keeping with the characteristics of the existing environment," Mr Gore said.

The conditional environmental approval under the rigorous requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* came after 15 months of review during which time Peet worked closely with Federal Government representatives to address the key environmental issues. The approval prescribes legally binding conditions for remnant vegetation clearing, revegetation and fire management.

Key issues that have been addressed as part of both State and Federal approval processes include:

- habitat for Black Cockatoos;
- reducing the risk of bushfire;
- the protection of waterways;
- vegetation retention, protection and re-establishment (revegetation);
- the inclusion of public open space and additional community facilities; and
- the retention of some Aboriginal heritage sites.

As part of a package of measures to retain the environmental characteristics of the site, future purchasers will not be permitted to clear more than 10% of their lot.

The preservation of almost half the property – or around 393 hectares – as natural bushland also provides an ecological link between the estate and the adjoining 10,000 hectares of protected bushland including Walyunga National Park.

Mr Gore said the conditions reflected Peet's long-standing commitment to responsible and sustainable development at Brigadoon and he looked forward to them being fulfilled and, in many cases, exceeded as the project unfolds.

"Since the very beginning of the planning process for this new development in early 2005, Peet Limited has worked closely with some of Western Australia's leading environmental, bushfire management and planning consultants to ensure that the environmental requirements are met and, wherever possible, exceeded," said Mr Gore.



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Brigadoon will feature 214 Special Rural lots (1.9ha average size or about the size of the surface area of Subiaco Oval) located just 30 kilometres from Perth's CBD in an area of stunning natural beauty, adjacent to Bells Rapids (Avon River). Many lots will feature views stretching across the Swan Valley to Perth city.

With the Federal Government's review now complete, Peet will continue to assist the State Government where necessary and await the completion of the planning assessment over the project. We remain confident that this assessment will soon be complete.

"We are very proud and enthusiastic about the new residential community we will be establishing at Brigadoon and hope to be able to commence development over the summer months," Mr Gore said.

If the final planning approvals are received, sales of home sites at Brigadoon could commence in the first half of 2010.

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