On Monday the 14 th of May a large , very old , and consistently used nesting mound of the Orange Footed Bush Fowl ( Megapodius reinwardt) that was situated within Frog Hollow Park was destroyed with the use of earth moving equipment.

This nesting mound was well over 40 years old and used by many , many generations of these iconic birds. There seems to be no reasonable need for it to have been removed .

It is illegal to interfere with or injure Native fauna and it seems that no steps were taken to ensure that there were no eggs within this nesting mound.

I wrote to Council to find out why this occurred but as yet have received no reply.

I would like to know the following:

1. Why was this very old nesting mound destroyed ?

2. Who authorised this desecration?

3. Was any attempt made to ascertain whether there were eggs in this mound ? And if so by whom? And if so is the person who carried out this inspection qualified and

experienced in this procedure? Is there some record of this procedure being carried

out?

4. Considering that a good many species of native fauna reside in this park , including Possums and reptiles which would find it very difficult to relocate and escape harm once the bulldozers move in, was a survey of the native fauna residing in this park taken prior to the Barneson Boulevard project being approved? If so by whom ?

5. Once again considering the many species of native wildlife that reside in or frequent the Frog Hollow Park was an environmental impact assessment made of this area in relation to the wildlife that inhabit and utilise it prior to the Barneson Boulevard project being approved ?

6. If so where would interested members of the public find these reports?

7. Has the removal of those animals that will be affected such as Possums and reptiles that would find it difficult to escape harm once the bulldozers move in been organised ? If so who will be in charge of this operation?

8. Prior to Cyclone Marcus I wrote to Council in regards to a very old ( around 80 to

100 years old ) Box Gum situated at Lakeside Drive Community Garden. This tree has been hollowed out by termites and has provided habitat for many generations of

Possums and other native fauna for many , many years. It is in an area where it is highly unlikely that anyone would be standing should a branch fall and did not even lose a single branch during the cyclone. Despite a Council representative being advised of the fact that this valuable habitat tree was being utilised by a juvenile Possum a contractor turned up on the Thursday prior to the cyclone to cut down this tree. The printed information he was given describing this tree did not match this tree ( or any other tree in the area) nor did the number nailed into this Box Gum correspond to the number on the information given to this lopper. There was also no indication on the work order that this is a habitat tree. If this lopping had gone ahead this juvenile Possum would have been seriously injured or killed. Why was the fact that this is a habitat tree not recorded ?

9. Why were there no steps taken to ensure the safety of this animal and others that may be in residence within this tree ? And why does this tree need to be removed

considering that it is in a space where it is not likely to case any damage or injury ?

Could not this very old , valuable tree be conserved ?