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Scouts' parents join highway fight

By KAREN OAKLEY

PARENT committee members who met 1st Bibra Lake scout leaders on June 14 have joined the fight to halt the proposed Roe Highway extension between North Lake Road and Kwinana Freeway.

They fear the scouts might lose their hall in Hope Road and the experience of nature if the road is built.

Main Roads WA and the West Australian Planning Commission have begun detailed planning for the six-lane highway.

It would cut through an Australian Heritage Council interim-listed wetland, North Lake-Bibra Lake, in the Beeliar Regional Park.

The area, about 15km from Perth, is home to kangaroos, possums and bandicoots as well as a wide variety of waterfowl and other wildlife.

The AHC statement of significance says the wetlands are "considered to form one of the most important systems of lakes and wetlands remaining in the Perth metropolitan region".

"We have done so much work in the park," a spokesman for the scouts said.

"The scouts have helped to plant native trees in degraded areas of bushland."

Neither of the route options offered by Main Roads is acceptable to the scouting community.

The spokesman said the option to widen Hope Road would probably mean losing the scout hall.

The scouts have rejected the other preferred option to build an additional highway in the existing road reserve between North and Bibra lakes, effectively cutting the wetland into three sections.

"The scouts use the park for bushwalks, camping, compass work, nature studies and other outdoor activities," the spokesman said.

"We are concerned about pollution and noise from heavy freight traffic and the safety of the children when they are out developing their bush skills.

"But it is not just the children's enjoyment and education in nature that is threatened.