LANDUSE LAND CAPABILITY MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

Intensive Horticulture with Tourist Facilities

5531 West Swan Road West Swan



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SUMMARY

5531 West Swan Road, West Swan is proposed to have an intensive agricultural land use, based on an orchard of Jujube with greenhouse grown mushroom, in addition to other subsidiary gourmet crops. Initially Shitake and Oyster mushrooms will be grown.

A tourist facility consisting of accommodation and function centre/restaurant/café is proposed as ancillary to the intensive horticulture.

The rural land is currently used for lifestyle and horse agistment.

There is sufficient water and soils to support horticulture or alternative land uses as proposed by the development.

The soils have been filled and are well drained with good land capability, nutrient and water holding capability.

There is sufficient bore water allocated for the proposed intensive "horticulture", Jujube Orchard and Mushroom production.

Waste water recovered from other activities on site will be recycled and used to support the Jujube orchard. Site preparation for the Jujube orchard is already in place with the excavation of holes to be prepared for installing the Jujube orchard plants.

The mushrooms will be grown in greenhouses. The mushrooms will be grown on specially prepared 'Logs" in a greenhouse facility, consisting of two greenhouses. Trials of the mushrooms have already been conducted in a warehouse in Canning Vale and have proved most successful.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Purpose

5531 West Swan Roadn West Swan is proposed to be intensive agriculture with an ancillary tourist facility consisting of accommodation and function centre/restraurant.

Lot 5531 is held by Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd.

The proposed intensive land use is to be implemented by Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd a wholesaler and importer of specialty and Asian food products.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155. They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at the Canning Vale site.

The landholder, Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd, and Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd share some common directors.

A summary of the company Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd, is provide below

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd

Import and Export between China and Australia

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Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd are a company based in Canning Vale in the Australian state of Western Australia. Their main business areas are import and Export between China and Australia.

They have achieved revenues of AU\$2-3m. International companies interested in importing from Australia are welcome to use the <u>contact details below</u>.

Message from Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd

In order to develop the business between China and Australia we established Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd. It's specilizing in importing plywood, arts/crafts, vegetable and hardware products from China and exporting Australian meat products, wine and agriculture products to China. We are looking forward to cooperating with partners from all over Australia and China.

At a glance:

Company name: Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd Main business activities: Import and Export between China and Australia

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd	Australian \$
Company revenues:	\$2 to 3m
Export revenues:	

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd can be contacted by clicking here: richard@greenlandwood.com

1.2 Site Assessment - Methodology

Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study of the Development Area - 5 February 2021

A geotechnical report of the soils on the eastern part of the proposed development was completed by Perth Geotechnics dated 5 February 2021. That study covered the central and eastern portion of the site mainly where the built developments are to be located. The report also mainly concentrated on the suitability of the soil conditions for those developments. However the geotechnical information is valid and can be used to inform the suitability of the site for the proposed horticultural activities. The report is attached.

Perth Geotechnics sunk 8 soil auger holes, conducted two soil permeability tests, in addition to soil penetrometer and other soil parameter tests on the development site on 20 January 2021.

The report is attached.

Landform Research - Land Capability Study Intensive Horticulture Area – 28 May 2021

A land study of the site was conducted by Lindsay Stephens of Landform Research on 28 May 2021. Lindsay Stephens is very familiar with the local soils and has completed many land capability and geotechnical studies in the local soils and West Swan Area.

During the study by Landform Research on 28 May 2021, the ground of the western intensive agriculture section was assessed by soil auger holes and site mapping because that is where the orchard is proposed and that ground had not been previously assessed by Perth Geotechnics. The development area in the east, which was assessed by Perth Geotechnics, was not assessed as the study had already been completed.

In the study the whole of the orchard and surrounding area was inspected. Five soil test holes were sunk to 1.2 metres to intersect the natural sand underlying the subsoil horizons using a long handled shovel as this is deemed suitable to determine the soil conditions for orchard growth.

The geology, soils and hydrology were mapped at the same time. Interpretation from aerial photography was also used, and ground photographs obtained.

The vegetation was reviewed to further add data to the soil information, based on species composition and distribution.

Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study and Permeability of the Intensive Horticulture Area – 14 May 2021

Further studies were completed by Perth Geotechnics by way of soil assessments and permeability field tests conducted on 14 October 2021. Perth Geotechnics completed 6 soil permeability test holes across the intensive horticulture area.

The report is attached.

Landform Research - Review of the excavated holes for planting – 21 November 2021

1.3 Site Description and Proposal

The site summary is taken from Urbanista Town Planning. The following Figures are taken from the Development Proposal.

The proposed development is located at No. 5531 (Lot 9) West Swan Road, West Swan. The subject site has a total land area of 18,388m2, with a frontage of 98.5m to West Swan Road, 65.93m to Fillip Way at the rear and a total depth of 237.64m.

The agricultural use of the site will occupy approximately 8,300sqm of the site and is located at the rear half of the site. This area will be used as intensive orchards with two mushroom greenhouses located in the centre of the site.

This open orchard is approximately 90m deep by 60m wide and will consist of approximately 600 initially and up to 1000 trees, spaced 2m apart across 30 rows orchard will be Jujube, (Chinese Dates) for sale to the Perth markets and to support the production and restraurant/café,.

This land use also includes two mushroom gereenhouses to initially grow Oyster and Shitake mushrooms. The largest mushroom greenhouse is 19.3m by 16m and will produce mushrooms in an area of up to 310sqm. The smaller mushroom greenhouse is just over 200sqm.

The produce grown on site will be sorted/processed in the proposed warehouse located behind the existing dwelling. Separate rooms and sorting areas allow for this to be conducted as efficiently as possible and it is conveniently located in proximity to the restaurant.

The agricultural use will employ three staff, and operate 10am to 5pm weekdays whilst also being able to respond as necessary to the seasonal demands and the stages of crop growth such as seeding or harvesting.

Site Integration

The various activities on site have been designed to integrate together.

The existing dwelling and shed will be retained, enhanced and incorporated into the proposed land uses.

Accommodation will be provided which will in turn support the restraurant/café, with the intensive agriculture from mushrooms, Jujube supporting the restaurant.

There is a licensed bore on site with water allocation of 5,000 kL per year. To further enhance the agricultural viability of the intensive horticulture, treated waste water will be recovered and used to irrigate the perennial trees of the Jujube which will supply nutrients to the irrigated Jujube trees and in turn reduce the fertiliser requirements for the plants and minimise the risk of nutrient export from the site.

Mushrooms culture is selected because of the low water requirements, which will be from scheme water to minimise risk to production.

Mushrooms and Jujube do not require washing, therefore reducing water use on site.

As there are competing land uses on site, the various land uses are separated, risk analyses completed and management proposed to minimise or negate the risk of contamination of crops, noise to the accommodation, onsite use of insect control by implementing organic food production policies.

The hours of operation are to be regulated to minimise conflicts, for example the restaurant will be open during the day and only open at night for one off events such as weddings, when the chalets will be used by the guests.

The intensive horticulture landuses of mushrooms and jujube are low mechanical activities with low noise emissions, low potential for insect pests and require activities that will not impact on accommodation. The landuses are Predominantly Agriculture.

Agricultural - Intensive	8,500m ²	Primary Production and includes the below;
Incl. Orchard	~5,800m ²	Primary Production – Fruit Trees
Incl. Mushroom Greenhouses	~510m ²	Primary Production – Mushrooms
Incl. Warehouse	~400m ²	Sorting / Processing of Produce
Incl. Existing Shed	~180m ²	Storage of tools and equipment
Chalets or Cabins	6 chalets	75m ² and 2 bedrooms each
Restaurant	294m ²	96-person maximum capacity
Single House (Existing)	220sqm	Retained Dwelling

Proposed Staging

- Stage 1 Plant the intensive orchard and mushroom greenhouses
- Stage 2 Installing the warehouse and the storeroom
- Stage 3 Installing the restaurant and chalets with associated waste water recovery



Figure 1: Concept development



Figure 2: Site photograph of the orchard area looking west. Note the existing pasture irrigation.



Figure 3: Actual contour elevations in 1 metre contours (City of Swan IntraMap) and elevations of fill



Figure 4: Concept development



Figure 5: Subject land and surrounding land uses



Figure 6: Contour Plan and Soil Test Holes. Note the Local datum. The land is at 17 metres AHD



Figure 7: Holes for the planting of Jujube sunk in July - August 2021



Figure 8: Soil test and permeability test holes - Perth Geotechnics (Fieldwork 14 October 2021)

2.0 WEATHER CONDITIONS

2.1 Climate

The climate consists of warm to hot summers and mild wet winters. Climate averages are similar to the closest comprehensive recording station at Upper Swan, with the climate somewhere in between. The rainfall is similar for both stations at around 736 mm per year.

Average summer maximum is around 33 degrees Celcius with winter maxima of around 18 degrees Celcius. The mean winter minimum is around 7.0 degrees Celcius with frosts occurring on winter and spring mornings.

Wind directions are predominantly from the east in the mornings with increased velocity in summer, and south west to west in the afternoons, particularly in summer.

Other data on the attached graphs and figures from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and Weather and Climate (Australia), show the suitability of the climate provided in the Swan Valley.

The data for soils and climate are summarised in Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991, *Land Capability Study for Horticulture in the Swan Valley*, DPIRD Land Resources Series No 6 and demonstrate the suitability of the valley for intensive horticulture.

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Figure 9: Climate data Upper Swan Research Station (BOM)



Figure 10 – Average yearly wind roses Upper Swan Research Station (BOM):

Figure 11: graphs of climate data Upper Swan (Weather and Climate - Australia)

Climate in Upper Swan (Western Australia), Australia

The graphs below show the monthly weather averages over the year.

* Climate data from: Perth, Australia (19 KM, 12 Miles).

Average day and night temperature

The mean minimum and maximum temperatures over the year. Show in Fahrenheit



Monthly hours of sunshine

The average monthly total hours of sunshine over the year



Average humidity

The mean monthly relative humidity over the year



Average wind speed

The mean monthly wind speed over the year (in meters per second)



Average water temperature

The mean water temperature over the year. Show in Fahrenheit



Monthly precipitation

The mean monthly precipitation over the year, including rain, snow, hail etc. Show in Inches



Monthly rainy days

30 days Rainy days 23 days Rainy days 15 days 8 days 0 days May Jan Feb Mar Apr Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Average rainy days (rain/snow) in Perth, Australia Copyright © 2022 weather-and-climate.com

The average number of days each month with rain, snow, hail etc.

3.0 REGOLITH AND SOIL ASSESSMENT

3.1 Geology and Geomorphology

The geology is mapped and summarised in the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology Series.

The site lies on the eastern side of the Swan Coastal Plain on sediments of the Perth Basin.

Locally the soils are a mixture of alluvial sands, clay sands and sandy clays, normally with an overlying more sandy sequence of upper soil horizons. In some places an intermittent sheet of aeolian sand is present. The soils typically and geologically belong to the Guildford Formation.

A hole drilled for the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology is located at Fillip Way near the western edge of the subject land and shows 16 metres of (S8) sand.

The soil test holes on site however show some clay sands and sandy clays and as the site is near the boundary of the alluvial silts and sandy clays (Mgs1) of the Guildford Formation to the east it is likely that those materials underlay the site as evidenced from the soil test holes.

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres across Lot 5531 with the addition of some fill in the west and natural soils in the east. Figure 17. Compare Figure 3 to Figure 6 which uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD.

3.2 Regolith and Soils

Local soil mapping has been completed by the Department of Primary Industries and Rural Development; *Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991, Land Capability Study for Horticulture in the Swan Valley, DPIRD Land Resources Series No 6.*

That mapping was completed on the natural soils of the site, generally without drainage or fill and shows the subject land as being of Aeolian sandy and miscellaneous soils.

The mapping is early and the naming of soil units has changed since that time. The site is shown as a small area of Valley Complex in the west and Karrakatta Sand on the remainder of the subject land. Karrakatta Sand is a yellow sand with the name now being restricted to yellow sand on limestone well to the west near the coast.

The bore logs provided by Perth Geotechnical show sand over silty sand at 0.3 - 0.6 metres overlying sandy clay in the central and eastern parts of the lot, east from the proposed orchard.

From a site examination some of the overlying sand is likely to be imported fill sand.

This is reflected in the soil test holes, where the holes conducted by Perth Geotechnics and Landform Research, which bottomed in sand clay, whereas the soils of the proposed orchard are mostly earthy yellow sands, the earthy properties being due to a small portion of clay, which adds significantly to the water and nutrient retention of the soils.



Figure 12: DPIRD Soil types prior to fill and drainage of the land

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All the above soil mapping was completed on the natural soils of the site, generally without drainage or fill and shows the subject land as being of aeolian sandy and miscellaneous soils.

The mapping is early and the naming of soil units has changed since that time. The site is shown as a small area of Valley Complex in the west and Karrakatta Sand on the remainder of the subject land. Karrakatta Sand is a yellow sand with the name now being restricted to yellow sand on limestone well to the west near the coast.

Site Investigation by Landform Research 28 May 2021

From a site examination by Landform Research some of the overlying sand is likely to be imported fill sand.

The soil test holes competed as part of this study show fill sand of 0.0 to 0.4 metres depth over earthy and loamy sands with a base of sandy clay. The overlying sand fill is sandy with pieces of pebble aggregate, brick and other inert materials.

In the north east in hole 2 there is sand to 1.2 metres which likely reflects a deepening overlaying sand layer to the west which matches the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology.

This is reflected in the soil test holes, where the holes conducted by Perth Geotechnics bottomed in sand clay, whereas the soils of the proposed orchard are mostly earthy yellow sands, the earthy properties being due to a small portion of clay which adds significantly to the water and nutrient retention of the soils. The studies are attached to the Water Recycling and Re-use Site and Soil Evaluation dated 12 February 2022.

Test Hole 4 bottomed in sandy clay suggesting that the sandy clay base is dipping west which matches the local drill hole for the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology.

The bore logs provided by Perth Geotechnical show sand over silty sand at 0.3 - 0.6 metres overlying sandy clay in the central and eastern parts of the lot, east from the proposed orchard. See Attachment 3.

Geotechnical Investigation by Perth Geotechnics 14 October 2021

Perth Geotechnics listed the soils as;

Environmental Geological map of Perth also revealed that the site soil has low permeability, low corrosion potential, medium to high slope stability, medium to high bearing capacity. Near surface water table, prone to flooding, differential settlement of foundations may occur, unless built on columns or concrete rafts above 1 m or compacted sand, dispersive in places.

Six (6) Bore Holes (BH1 to BH6) were conducted at the site by using a hand auger to a depth of 1.0 m.

Boreholes BH1 and BH6 revealed similar soil profile and consists of 0.0 - 0.7 m: SAND/Gravelly SAND- fine to medium grained, dark grey, grey, yellow, pale brown, brown, yellowish brown, dry to moist, with gravel up to 30 mm (FILL) 0.4 - 1.0 m: Sandy CLAY- medium plasticity, grey, brown, yellowish brow, moist, fine to medium grained sand.

Groundwater table was not observed at any of the boreholes up to the investigation depth. BH1 to BH6 were terminated at the target depth of 1.0 m.

The Geotechnical report for the waste water application area is provided at Attachment 2. Attachment 1 is the geotechnical report for the eastern portion of Lot 5531 for the proposed development but included some soil test holes.

Permeability Tests conducted by Perth Geotechnics 14 October 2021

Six (6) Field permeability tests (FPT1 to FPT6) were conducting by using Guelph permeameter as per ASTM D 5126 – 90 at six locations. The tests were conducted at a depth of 1.0 m below ground level (bgl).

The Guelph Permeameter is a constant head device that operates on the Mariotte siphon principle. It provides a straightforward way of determining the field saturated hydraulic conductivity, matrix flux potential and the soil sorptivity in the field.

The Perth Geotechnics Permeability test report is presented in See Attachment 2 and summary the Table below which is taken from the Perrth Geotechnics report.

Permeability	Co-ordinat	es (GDA94)	Permeabl	ility Rate	Soil	Test Depth	
Test ID	Easting	Northing	cm/sec	m/day	Description	(m)	
FPT1	404 150	6 475 907	7.3 x 10 ⁻⁴	0.63	Sandy Clay	1.0	
FPT2	404 102	6 475 908	7.5 x 10 ⁻⁴	0.65	Sandy Clay	1.0	
FPT3	404 066	6 475 910	9.3 x 10 ⁻⁴	0.81	Sandy Clay	1.0	
FPT4	404 064	6 475 871	7.8 x 10 ⁻⁴	0.67	Sandy Clay	1.0	
FPT5	404 095	6 475 876	6.7 x 10 ⁻⁴	0.58	Sandy Clay	1.0	
FPT6	404 135	6 475 873	7.5 x 10 ⁻⁴	0.65	Sandy Clay	1.0	

The coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity of the site is varying from 0.58 to 0.81 m/day.



Figure 13: Earthy yellow sand fill being placed on the land in 2012 (Nearmap)



Figure 14: Topsoil fill being placed on the land in 2014 (Nearmap)

Test Hole Number	1	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description		Comments	
0 – 300 mm	Grey imported fill sand		Contains minor in other materials.	ert pebbles and
200 – > 800 mm	Yellow brown earthy sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



Test Hole Number	2	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description		Comments	
0 – 100 mm	Grey brown sand		Some imported sa pebbles and aeria	and based on I; photography
100 – 250	Yellow sand			
150 - > 1200 mm	Cream sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



Test Hole Number	3	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description		Comments	
0 – 800 mm	Yellow sand		Some imported y	ellow sand
800 – > 1100 mm	Brown loamy sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



Test Hole Number	4	Natural Surface	49.7 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description		Comments	
0 – 400 mm	Grey sand		Likely to be impor	ted sand
400 – 900 mm	Yellow brown earthy natural sand			
900 - > 1000 mm	Yellow brown to greenish brown sa	ndy clay		
Groundwater	Not intersected			



Test Hole Number	5	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description		Comments	
0 – 450 mm	Dark yellowish brown sand		Some imported sand	
450 - 550 mm	Yellow earthy sand			
550 - > 1150 mm	Light yellow brownish cream sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



PROPERTY DESCRIPTION SOIL SUSCEPTIBILITY **AGRICULTURAL QUALITY** WATER Water repellence is the There is minor potential for Minimal presence that does REPELLENCE uneven or non wetting water repellence in the not significantly impact on characteristic of a soil. This elevated sandy soils land capability and treatment commonly occurs in dry is readily available situations and more commonly affects soils that contain less clay such as sands. It may lead to greater surface runoff in summer, resulting in lower soil moisture and reduced crop growth in winter. SOIL Soil compaction results from The soils on site have No issues for continued rural COMPACTION tractor and machinery generally moderate to low land use as it is related to movements compacting soils potential for traffic farm practice and the soils and reducing aggregates. It compaction. All soils compact have reduced susceptibility leads to reduced root with heavy traffic and penetration and reduced reduced soil water infiltration. Compaction hard pans commonly form. Loamy sands are the most susceptible. DISPERSIBLE Soils containing sodium in the No evidence of soil dispersion Minimal to no presence that SOILS clay content can disperse was observed and will not be does not significantly impact when wet, leading to soil present in the sandy soil on land capability. erosion and subsoil tunnel horizons. formation. The soils are not saline and there is no evidence of salinity or dispersible clays. WIND EROSION Wind erosion can impact on The soils are sand and No Issues sands and loose soil when generally earthy sands that inadequate soil cover is are not generally susceptible retained. Duplex and sandy to wind erosion with a soils are at high risk. The pasture cover and irrigation to worst times are prior to the be used. winter rains WATER EROSION Water erosion can occur in Slopes are too gentle or flat. No issues susceptible soils which have inadequate soil cover, steeper slopes, higher sand content and dispersibility. **ROOTING DEPTH** The soils are unrestricted for No issues The depth roots can penetrate depends on texture the depth of orchard species. changes in the soil such as duplex soils, the proximity of bedrock, stone in the soil, hard clay layers and soil compaction.

Table 1: Observed soil properties for horticulture

SALINITY	Salinity is the proportion of salt in a soil. Often mildly saline soil moisture is concentrated on the surface through evaporation, leading to an inability to support crops and plant growth. Normally worse where ancient soils and laterite profiles are present.	There is no evidence of salinity with the site being generally elevated.	No issues
SOIL ACIDITY	Soil acidity depends on a number of factors such as the amount of calcareous material within the soil, the crops grown, fertiliser usage and the proportion of clay. Soils that are too acidic can allow elements such as metals, including aluminium, to dissolve and become toxic.	The soils are normally slightly acidic at around pH 5 – 6 which is good for agricultural land on which fertiliser has been used. Acidity can increase with nitrogenous fertiliser use.	Managed through normal agricultural practice.
SOIL MOISTURE STORAGE	The ability of a soil to retain water determines the potential for crop growth and the amount of rainfall and irrigation required.	The soils have generally moderate to high moisture retention due to the earthy sands in the subsoils	Generally good water holding ability with some more elevated sandy areas of moderate storage.
WATER LOGGING	Water can lay on the surface, clogging the pores in the soil. This reduces soil oxygen leading to loss of nitrogen and reduced crop growth	There is some evidence that the original land was subject to winter wet conditions, prior to the installation of the deep drain along the northern boundary and drainage along the west and south. The soils now sit elevated and have good drainage. The perimeter tall Eucalypts do not show any evidence of stunting by waterlogging.	No issues
SOIL WORKABILITY	Workability is the ease that the soil can be cultivated. Waterlogging, the presence of stone and slope can all impact on the ease of cultivation.	The soils are highly workable.	No issues

3.3 Soil Capability

The soils allocated on the orchard are highly capable of horticulture with the ability to use trees, shrubs or ground species, depending on the water availability.

Based on the assessments of *Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991,* for the natural soils, the subject land is less capable for Table Grapes, although with the fill sand and drainage the potential for Table Grapes is high.

The tables for the soil properties as determined by *Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991*, show high capability for Stone Fruit, Citrus and Market Gardens.

The field assessments show similar capability.



Figure 15: DPIRD Land Capability for Table Grapes prior to fill and drainage. Note the proposed uses have higher capability

4.0 HYDROGEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

4.1 Surface Water.

There have been several site investigations during which the water and hydrology were reviewed.

- Perth Geotechnics Geotechnical study of the Development Area 5 February 2021
- Landform Research Land Capability Study Intensive Horticulture Area 28 May 2021
- Perth Geotechnics Geotechnical study and Permeability of the Intensive Horticulture Area – 14 October 2021
- Landform Research Review of the excavated holes for planting Fieldwork 21 November 2021

Even though the land was assessed in late May and October, the availability of surface water can be determined from the location of the on site drains, remnant native and other plant and pasture species which have definite trends in winter wet areas, and examination of historic Google Earth Pro and Nearmap images.

There is no evidence of surface water laying on the subject land over the last ten years. The quality of the pasture and pasture growth over the years does not show any evidence of water logging and there is no current evidence on site.

Water is present in the main northern drain, but at a low elevation, and water was present in some years at lower elevation in the drain to the south east of the subject land as can be seen in the Figure below, which was taken in July 2009 prior to the land being filled.

That water appears likely to be temporarily perched on the less permeable subsoils of the Guildford Formation that occur in the east of the land and to the south. The water represents a temporary winter perched water table and not necessarily the water table.

Prior to sheeting with sand there were two small drains in the south feeding to a small east west drain in the south.

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres AHD on the filled land of the Jujube Orchard, which is consistent with similar elevation on the eastern side of Lot 5531. The site mapping for the development uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD, therefore interpretations have to be made to convert the local datum to AHD.

City of Swan drainage shows the northern drain along the north side of the subject land draining east under West Swan Road to the Swan River.

When the planting holes were sunk in July – August 2021 a small temporary shallow pit was excavated along the southern portion of Lot 5531 and can be seen in Figure 7. The hole is shallow and the water lying in it at the time of the photo from August 2021 originates from recent rainfall at the time and inflow of surface water from the south, combined with the lower soil permeability of the underlying sandy clay soils which had permeabilities of $6.7 - 9.3 \times 10^{-4}$ or 0.58 to 0.81 metres per day.


Figure 16: Drains present in winter 2009 prior to fill of the land (Nearmap)



Figure 17: northern drain from Fillip Road (Google Earth)

Soil Permeability

Perth Geotechnics found that the coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity of the site is varying from 0.58 to 0.81 m/day. See Section 3.2.

Salinity

Water is from precipitation and is fresh. There is a licensed bore on site (5,000 kL) with water suitable for horticulture.

Rivers, Wetlands and Streams

There are no rivers or streams on site although there are some surface drains, cut many years ago.

The main drain runs along the northern side of the subject land, and there are minor drains along the southern boundary and on the property to the south.

None of the drains have wetland vegetation.

Flood Risk

There is no potential for flooding as the land is slightly elevated above the surrounding lands. The surface has been filled by around 500 - 800 mm yellow sand fill and there is a drain extending east west along the northern side of Lot 5531. The drain varies from 1.5 to 2.0 metres below the elevation of the land on Lot 5531.

The are some lower elevations on the southern edge of Lot 5531.

Wetlands

There are no definitive wetlands on site as the land has been cleared, drained, filled and used for rural purposes.

4.2 Groundwater

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres across Lot 5531. Figure 3. Note that Figure 6 uses a local height datum and not AHD. The site mapping in Figure 6 for the development uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD.

Perth Geotechnics recorded;

Groundwater table was not observed at any of the borehole up to the investigation depth of 2.0 m below ground level.

A review of the 'Online Perth Groundwater Atlas' of the Department of Water was carried out for this site. "Perth Groundwater Atlas" revealed that natural surface elevation is 15.5 m AHD and annual average groundwater table at 13.0 m AHD. That means depth of the groundwater table is approximately 2.5 m AHD from the ground level. The groundwater level contours are estimated based on the recorded groundwater levels measured in May of 2003 (end of summer). Therefore, accuracy of the data may vary.

The groundwater average depth is listed by Perth Geotechnics as 15.5 metres AHD or around 1 metres below the current land surface of around 16.5 metres AHD.

However the Perth Groundwater Atlas May 2003 shows the water table dropping from 15.5 metres AHD in the north west corner of the lot down to 12 metres AHD at West Swan Road. That provides for a separation of 1 plus metres on the western boundary of Lot 5531 increasing across the Jujube orchard and waste water disposal area and further increasing to 3.5 metres in the east of Lot 5531.

In any case the groundwater does not intersect the land surface, but rather is around 1.5 metres below the surface.

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The key hydrogeological issue for the land capability is the potential for minor water laying on the surface in winter, perched on the basal sandy clays.

That risk is negated by the drains and the fill used for the orchard.

4.3 Water availability

Surface Water Sources

There are no surface water sources of water.

Ground Water Sources - Bore

Groundwater is available and there is a licensed bore on site, licensed for 5,000 kL per year. The bore is located just east of the existing dwelling on Lot 5531.



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Figure 18: Details of the bore (arrowed)

Whether any additional allocations are available from an addition to the Water Licence or from trading or purchase of an additional allocation may affect the areas and types of land use.

Rain Water

It is possible to generate some additional water by the collection of rainwater, but generally this is not significant. For example a 200 m² roof area will generate around 140 kL water per year.

Scheme Water

Scheme water is available at site. It is assumed that sufficient availability can be used to supplement bore water.

It is proposed that the mushroom sticks will be misted with scheme water.

Recycled Water

It is proposed to dispose of the waste water collected from the secondary treatment unit. That water will be recycled and used to irrigate the Jujube through subsurface irrigation.

The volume of water available will be determined by the number of land uses on site. Development will be progressive with the first activities being the orchard and mushroom greenhouses.

Types of land uses - requirements

The developments will be supplied with scheme water.

The Jujube orchard will utilise recovered waste water, backed up by bore water.

As noted above the volume of water available will be dependent on the number of land uses operating.

The first activities will be the orchard and mushroom greenhouses.

It is only when the restraurant/café and chalets are in operation that the volume of waste water will increase and be available for irrigating the jujube orchard. Prior to that time the orchard will be irrigated by bore water.

As an example of the uses to which the water could be put; for cottage industries the available bore water of 6 000 kL volume of water will be capable of supplying sufficient water to around 0.8 hectares (the area of orchard proposed) of higher use orchard such as citrus and grape vines.

5.0 PROPOSED LAND USES – JUJUBE ORCHARD

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155 propose to establish the intensive horticulture (Jujube and Mushrooms) on Lot 5531 West Swan Road to supply product to supermarkets in the Perth Metropolitan area and the wider locations and other markets depending on production.

They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at their Canning Vale site warehouse.

What is Jujube?

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has produced a summary of the industry for Jujube growing in Western Australia, that provides a good summary of the nature of the fruit, its growth habits and management and the uses and markets for the fruit. DPIRD 2020, Jujubes in Western Australia, DPLH Website. The website provides good documentation and includes the following introductory notes in italics.

Printed from The Chinese jujube (DPIRD 2020)

The Chinese jujube (Ziziphus jujuba Mill.) is one of the most important fruit crops in China and has been commonly used as a traditional Chinese medicine and food for thousands of years. The jujube is widely grown in China with cultivation records going back more than 3000 years and can also be found in neighbouring countries.

The jujube is a medium-sized tree, growing 7–10 metres high. The tree has shiny deciduous foliage and produces a fruit that is known as a drupe.

The fruit varies in size depending on the cultivar, and it has a thin, dark red skin surrounding a sweet, white flesh. The fruit is very nutritious with potassium, phosphorus, calcium and manganese being the major mineral components, as well as iron, sodium, zinc and copper.

The jujube is a rich source of vitamin C and B-complex. The vitamin C content is higher than other fruits which are well known for high content such as oranges. The antioxidant capacity of fresh jujube is also relatively high compared with other vegetables and fruits.

Jujube fruits are eaten fresh, dried or processed as 'Chinese dates' which have been used in confectionery such as breads, cake, candy, compote and jam.

In Western Australia, jujubes are grown in the Perth Hills, the northern Rangelands, the South West and Great Southern regions. Jujubes are also grown in Victoria, South Australia New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Small quantities of jujubes are sold at local markets and some Asian supermarkets in Perth.

Western Australia's proximity to South East Asia and its counter-seasonal production to the northern hemisphere provides an opportunity to market product for the increasing demand, especially during festivals. Target markets include China, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The jujube industry in Australia has potential to be a new profitable agricultural business to meet the requirements of domestic and overseas markets.

Jujube are also grown as dense plantings in rows where with pruning heavy cropping can develop very quickly over a few years. For the intensive Jujube production on Lot 5531 the spacings are to be in rows 2 metres apart with 2 metre spacings and pruned to a height of 2 - 3 metres.



Figure 19: Potted Jujube trees waiting to be sold (Source - Mid Valley Trees)



Figure 20: Fruiting Jujube (Source – Flower Pictures)



Figure 21: Stages of fruit development from fresh fruit to older fruit that resemble dates and are sold as "Chinese Dates" (Source - DPIRD 2020)

Need for the fruit.

The proponent company and directors currently supply Jujube (Chinese Dates) to a number of supermarkets and markets around Perth, but is having trouble obtaining reliable supplies, most of which are imported.

There are many varieties of Jujube with some of the most common being "Apple," "Pear", "Garlic" and "Li".

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, currently supply imported Jujube to a number of local supermarkets from imported products. Some of the supermarkets supplied are listed below with the current supply rates

The aim is to replace and supplement imported supply with local supply of Jujube.

Example Supermarkets Supplied	Current Supply			
NP supermarket (Perth, Cannington, Girrawheen, Morley):	Pear(110 tonne/year) Apple (66 tonne/year) Garlic (264 tonne/year) ,			
	local supply through Canning Vale:			
Golden choice (Subiaco, Perth):	Pear(50 tonne/year) Apple (30 tonne/year) Garlic (130 tone/year) ,			
	local supply through Canning Vale			
Long Hui Supermarket(370 William St, Perth) :	Pear(20 tone/year) Apple (15 tone/year) Garlic(60 tone/year) , local supply through Canning Vale:			
Riverton Oriental Foods(Riverton Oriental Foods):	Pear(20 tone/year) Apple (15 tone/year) Garlic(60 tone/year), Local supply: Chinese Dates: March-April 100Kg/day, during the march and April which is the harvest season,			

Table 2: Jujube fruit requirements in Perth

A copy of a receipt for the supply of Jujube is provided below.

TO: M/S	INVOICE		
Golden Choice	e Perth Fresh		NO.ALGC211126
Market			DATE: 26/11/202
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and claight do	Oyster Mushroom	\$13.00/Kg	\$356.20
N/M	27.40Kg(22/11/21) Shiitake Mushroom	\$17.00/kg	\$238.00
	14.00Kg(22/11/21) Oyster Mushroom	\$13.00/kg	\$258.70
	19.90Kg(24/11/21) Shiitake Mushroom	\$17.00/Kg	\$224.40
	13.20kg(24/11/21) Korea Pear 5kg/carton	\$28.00/Carton	\$4256.00
	152Cartons(23/11/21) Sand Pear 10Kg/Carton	\$37.00/Carton	\$3367.00
	91Cartons(23/11/21) Peeled Garlic 500gX10/Carton	\$19.50/Carton	\$1560.00
	80Carton(23/11/21) Prepack Garlic 500gX20/Carton	\$29.00/Carton	\$1160.00
	40Cartons(23/11/21) Oyster Mushroom	\$13.00/kg	\$249.60
	19.20Kg(26/11/21) Shiitake Mushroom	\$17.00/kg	\$112.20
	6.60kg(26/11/21) Chinese Cabbage 24pcs(26/11/21)	\$4.00/pc	-\$96.00
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Climate Requirements

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Jujube trees have a lower water requirement and higher salt tolerance than most fruit crops. Under natural conditions the tree forms a deep and substantial taproot making it drought tolerant. Jujube trees grow best in climates with a long, hot, dry summer after adequate rain early in the season and cool temperatures during its dormancy. In Western Australia, jujubes are grown in areas with around 200–1000mm annual rainfall. Studies from China suggest the chilling requirement depends on the cultivar and can range from 775 to 1737 hours at less than 7.2°C. However, areas in WA where jujubes are grown are somewhat lower than this range, yet flowering and fruit set occurs. There is perhaps more to be understood regarding the true chilling requirement for Chinese jujubes under Australian climatic conditions but low to medium chill varieties would be best suited to WA.

Fruit set requires average daily temperatures above 20°C. Fruit development requires average daily temperatures over 24–25°C.

Jujubes grow well on a variety of soils. The tree prefers sandy loams or lighter soils but will grow on heavier clays. The jujube tree can tolerate saline, alkaline or slightly acidic soils but grows best in soil with pH 4.5–8.4.

Natural growing conditions of jujube in China

(Condition	Value
/	Annual average temperature (ºC)	5.5–22
/	Average temperature of flower season (ºC)	≥22–24
I	Minimum temperature (ºC)	≥ minus 38.2
I	Frost-free period (days)	≥100
	Annual rainfall (mm)	87–2000
/	Annual sunshine (hours)	≥1100
9	Soil depth (cm)	≥30
9	Soil pH	4.5-8.4
9	Soil NaCl (%)	≤0.15
9	Soil Na2CO3 (%)	≤0.3
9	Soil Na2SO4 (%)	≤0.5

DPIRD lists areas from Northampton in the North to south of Bunbury and Mt Barker as being suitable for Jujube production. The climate data and soil match the DPIRD listed data for suitable production.

Soil Requirements

The trees prefer sandy loam soils, with this orchard site having around 1 metre of earthy yellow sand sheeted over sandy clay subsoils being highly suitable for production.

DPIRD 2020 notes that;

Prior to planting, pits of 0.6–1m cubed are dug at appropriate distances depending on orchard density. The pits are filled with original soil mixed with manure, superphosphate and trace elements. Transplanting trees in the field is most successful just prior to bud burst.

Jujube orchards in WA will need a balanced nutrient program supplying nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), magnesium (Mg) and trace elements at rates depending on soil fertility, tree age and cropping levels. With deciduous orchards the best time to apply the main annual dressing of NPK is in early spring.

The site has already been prepared by drilling the holes in preparation for planting and shown by Figure 7.

Planting the Jujube Orchard

The agricultural use of the site will occupy approximately 8,300sqm of the site and will be located at the rear half of the site. Most of this area will be used as open orchards for Jujube production with two mushroom greenhouses located in the centre of the site.

The open orchard is approximately 90m deep by 60m wide and will consist of approximately 600 trees initially, spaced 2m apart across 30 rows. That equates to around $3,000 \text{ m}^2$.

It is proposed to add further trees to up to 1,000 trees on an area of around 5,000 m² later in the buffer areas and edges. Compare Figure 7 for the initial planting compared to Figure 4 which shows additional ground that can be planted.

The orchard species will be Jujube.

See Figures 1, 4 and 7, for the location of the orchard with Figure 7 showing the holes already in place for planting.

The key times for nutrition are:

- before budburst (September)
- early flowering (October/November)
- rapid growth stage of young fruit (December)
- immediately after fruit harvest (April/May).

As noted above the proponent has already prepared planting sites across $3,000 \text{ m}^2$ of the orchard area with space for around 600 trees. The drilled planting holes can be seen in Figure 7.

As noted by DPIRD 2020, the pits are excavated and will be filled with a mixture of the original soil mixed, manure, superphosphate, trace elements and other nutrients for planting.

The cost of buying the saplings can vary depending on the source in Australia. The proponent has obtained quotes for plant stock of \$40/tree.

Irrigation and Nutrition

For irrigation DPIRD 2020 notes;

Although jujube trees can survive with very little water, irrigation is an important factor to produce a good yield of quality jujubes. Irrigation scheduling has a direct impact on tree health and fruit yield, size and quality. Without correct scheduling an orchard is more susceptible to nutrient deficiencies, physiological disorders, pests and diseases.

Soil characteristics will influence the type and timing of your irrigation program. Moisture will drain towards the root zone and plant utilisation and water use efficiency will depend on how long it is held there. The location has around 0.8 ha and 5,000 kL irrigation reliable rainfall of around 800 mm and the nature of the soils, it is likely that alternative land uses will be based on irrigated agriculture.

The trees require approximately 3–8 megalitres per hectare (ML/ha or 3,000 – 8,000 kL per hectare) over the growing season, depending on site specific soil and climate.

For the currently prepared site of 3,000 m² the water use requirement will be 1,000 – 2,400 kL per year, well within the capability of the bore allocation of 5,000 kL per year. Even with an expansion to 5,000 m² of planting the bore water requirement will be a maximum of 4,000 kL per year.

In addition the recovered waste water will be used for irrigation of the trees which will reduce the draw on the bore and reduce the amount of fertiliser requirement.

It is anticipated that both recycled waste water and bore water will be used to manipulate the nutrient applications.

DPLH notes that micro sprinklers are a good option for tree crops such as jujubes. They noted that compared to larger sprinklers they are efficient, saving water by only watering the ground under the trees and not the inter-rows. They work on lower pressure and are cheap to run. Trickle and drip irrigation are efficient, economical systems that are well suited to jujubes.

The proposed methods of irrigation will be in two sections depending on the source of the water.

As the waste water disposal area in the orchard will only be required when the restaurant and chalets are in use, initially only bore water will be used during the establishment of the orchard, and microsprays or drippers will be used.

During the later stages of development, when the restaurant/café and chalets are constructed, waste water will be used for irrigation to supplement the bore water and provide nutrients.

The use of recycled waste water is described in *Department of Health 2011, Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia.* For recovered waste water the water is to be sourced from systems that feature secondary treatment and must only be used where there is a low risk of contamination.

For a perennial crop such as Jujube the waste water will be available through an underground delivery system with no water able to access the surface. The waste water reuse area will be dedicated to ensure there is no contact between the fruit and the water, the recycled water is not able to access the surface of the soils and there are restrictions to access, and management plans are in place. These are all proposed for the reuse of waste water and are described in the Risk Assessment for waste water re-use conducted to Department of Health Guidelines and included in the documentation for the Treatment of Waste Water.

The timing of the irrigation will be developed to;

- Maintain adequate water during the year,
- Maintain normal and optimal growth patterns,
- Integrate with weather conditions,
- Integrate the recycled water to manage nutrient input to the plants based on soil, water and plant testing,

The proposed irrigation regime is consistent with DPIRD 2020 suggestions.

Training and pruning

Jujube trees can be grown as large trees up to 4 metres high, but in an orchard situation trees are normally planted in dense rows and trimmed to rows along which the fruit can be accessed. The orientation of the rows is normally north south and this is proposed to maximise the light availability and reduce the shading.

The planting regime proposed is espalier form, similar to Figure 19 showing two rows of trees. Note that the trees in Figure 19 are ready for sale but the layout in the orchard will be similar.

DPIRD 2020 notes - Growth

Training is carried out during the first three to five years of growth). The common forms for conventional orchards are central leader, open centre or modified leader systems, and for intensive planting systems, Y type, dwarf pyramid, pillar, espalier, and spindle have been tested with success in China.

Pruning methods are determined by patterns of fruiting. Pruning can be done in both the dormant and growing seasons. Dormant pruning is done mainly to remove shoots that are incapable of producing fruit of suitable size and quality such as weak, diseased, pest-damaged and crowded shoots.

Summer pruning includes removing useless or crowded sprouted buds and new shoots and damaged and diseased shoots. Summer pruning has been shown to be very effective on young and adult trees.

The tree can be trained to a certain shape with or without a central leader by training permanent branches. In general, about six to eight primary branches are kept within a height of 3 to 5 metres and well spaced in all directions. Trees need to be pruned annually to enable the tree to bear a full crop.

In the first season after planting a grafted tree carry out first training pruning during the dormant season:

DPIRD 2020 notes - Pests and diseases

Brown spot of jujube, caused by the fungal pathogen Nothophoma quercina was recently detected in WA. No other significant diseases have been found in jujubes to date.

Pests include rabbits, kangaroos and birds but these can be controlled by fencing or netting the orchard. The jujube is susceptible to Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) so a baiting program may be required. Three main control strategies are recommended:

- cover spraying
- bait or spot spraying
- Iure and kill devices.

The effectiveness of these control techniques should be monitored with traps. Medfly not only affects crop production, but limits access to interstate and overseas markets.

In China some 86 pests and 10 diseases have been reported to be harmful to jujubes. Of the pests, peach fruit moth and Lygus pratensis are most common and serious. Among diseases and disorders, witches broom, fruit splitting and rust are the most serious. Fruit splitting is an issue for jujubes in Western Australia. It is a water-related physiological disorder and can ruin a large percentage of the crop in some years. The severity depends on water management throughout the growing season, rain around fruit maturation, and cultivar resistance. Maintaining soil moisture during the growing season will help reduce splitting but resistant varieties are the best option.

Bird control

Parrots are the most damaging pest to small and/or relatively isolated orchards. The rainbow lorikeet has also become a serious pest in some growing areas where it can pose an even greater threat to crops than the twenty-eight and red cap parrots. Bird control methods include:

Exclusion netting: Although expensive (approximately \$30 000/ha) this method will also alleviate the effects of extreme weather events such as hail storms and hot temperatures (sunburn). When assessing the advantage of netting as a means of bird control, the percentage of crop loss as well as the time spent controlling birds by other methods must be taken into account.

The main pest is baiting for Fruit Fly, which does not involve any offsite impacts.

Bird netting will be used for bird attacks, which is similar to netting that is used for grapes in the Swan Valley.

Picking and Handling of Jujube

Once the Jujube are picked the shelf life is relatively short with the fruit being available in April May. Picking can be followed by sorting and packing in the warehouse proposed.

Washing of the fruit is not required and can be detrimental to their shelf life. In order to increase the availability of fruit a cool room is proposed for the warehouse to chill the fruit and enable supply over a longer time frame.

To value add there is the potential for drying the Jujube to produce "Chinese Dates" where the potential profits are significantly higher with a small increase in handling and storage costs.

Costs and Potential Profits

One of the unique things about Jujube is that they will fruit in the first year onwards and therefore profits can be generated very quickly.

Part of the orchard will for the onsite picking, some part will supply to local supermarket including NP supermarket, Goodchoice and other local Chinese supermarkets to fill the current market gaps.

DPIRD 2017, Jujube development budget and market analysis, provides an analysis of the costs of establishing a Jujube orchard in Western Australia, and has provided indicative production costs.

DPIRD used consultancy fees, which is not anticipated to be required for this project. They listed the costs of establishment over the first five years as \$111,426. These figures seem a little high based on the research conducted by the proponent but are used as an indicative figure.

The cost covers all aspects of ground preparation, tree purchase, trellising and training, bird netting, establishment of irrigation, fertiliser and annual management

For the initial proposed planting of 600 trees on $3,000 \text{ m}^2$, the figure will be in the order of planting of \$33,500 over 5 years. Even at that planting regime the proposed orchard is viable.

With another 2,000 m² of anticipated plantings the costs will be an additional \$22,000 over 5 years.

Production costs used by DPIRD 2017 is \$31,074 per hectare. For the 3,000 m² initial orchard and the anticipated further plantings of 2,000 the maintenance figures are around \$9,300 and \$15,500 respectively.

The cost of buying the saplings can vary depending on the source in Australia and is approximately \$40/tree at spacings of 2 metres as shown in Figure 7 already established on site.

Production and Value of fruit

The market price is placed at a very conservative around \$20/kg, for Perth but fadvertising data such as shown in Figure 22, Jujube Australia for example are currently advertising their Jujube Red Date Premium Jumbo range of fruit for \$65 - \$600 per kilo for Chico, Li and Pear and \$120 - \$2,100 per kilo for Winter Wonder Fruit.

The standard range of fruit are selling by Jujube Australia at a slightly less base price and an upper price around 60% of the Premium grade.

The first year harvest is expected to produce 10kg/tree, second year 20kg/tree, third year 30kg/tree, 40kg/tree afterward.

	Proposed initial prepared on site)	planting, (holes	Anticipated additio	nal planting
Operating costs	COSTS 600 trees on 3,000 m ²	RETURN 600 trees on 3,000 m ²	COSTS 400 trees on 2,000 m ²	RETURN Gross return on 400 trees on 2,000 m ²
Construction	\$33,500			
Maintenance				
Year 1	\$9,300	\$120,000		
Year 2	\$9,300	\$240,000	\$22,000	
Year 3	\$9,300	\$360,000	\$6,200	\$80,000
Year 4	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$160,000
Year 5	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$240,000
Year 6	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$320,000
Year 7	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$320,000

Table 3: Cost of establishment of Jujube

As can be seen the potential profits are large and even if the price paid for the fruit drops or production rates are less than anticipated profit potential remains very high for the small area of intensive horticulture.

That is, with around 600 trees on site and 40 kg of fruit at 4 years that equates to around \$480,000 gross value from fruit which after costs is over \$450,000 per year for the 600 trees.

With the anticipated additional plantings of another 400 trees on a further 2,000 m², there is potential to add an additional \$300,000 per year.

Potential Offsite Conflicts

The potential for land use conflicts is to:

Sensitive premises and crops outside Lot 5531.

Jujube are relatively free from pests and diseases and require little or no spraying or management. The main pest Fruit Fly, for which baiting is used, which does not involve any offsite impacts.

Birds can also be an issue with growing fruit and therefore netting will be used to prevent bird damage, which is similar to netting that is used for grapes in the Swan Valley. That will negate the need for noisy alternatives which are not appropriate with the number of sensitive premises locally.

Potential on site conflicts

The potential for land use conflicts on site is to:

> Other activities on site such as the Chalets, restaurant.

A risk management plan is prepared to address potential on site conflicts. This is a stand alone plan that will seek to manage potential conflicts between, for example noise and activity between intensive agriculture and chalet guests, biosecurity, contamination of fruit and produce, use of recovered waste water after the construction of the restaurant and chalets and other potential conflicts. See the separate Land Use Risk Management.



Figure 22: Current (January 2022) prices for dried Jujubes

6.0 PROPOSED LAND USES – MUSHROOM PRODUCTION

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155 propose to establish the intensive horticulture (Jujube and Mushrooms) on Lot 5531 West Swan Road to supply products to supermarkets in the Perth Metropolitan area and the wider locations and other markets depending on production.

They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at their Canning Vale site warehouse.

Mushrooms

There is a rapidly increasing market for specialty mushrooms, particularly for Asian style cooking. Currently the market cannot be supplied locally and there is a good opportunity to increase local supply.

The main market currently for mushrooms are Oyster, Umbrella and Shiitake.

Oyster Mushrooms come in a variety of shades from white, light brown to yellow and pink, which make particularly suitable for the Gourmet and Asian cuisines.



Figure 23: Oyster Mushrooms



Figure 24: Umbrella and Shiitake Mushrooms (Source - Rebeccaveganfood.blog)

The proposed intensive land use is to be implemented by Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd a wholesaler and importer of specialty and Asian food products.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155. They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at the Canning Vale site.

The landholder Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd, and Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd share some common directors.

Need for the Mushrooms

The proponent companies and directors currently supplies mushrooms to a number of supermarkets and markets around Perth, but are having trouble obtaining reliable supplies, most of which are imported.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, currently supply imported mushrooms to a number of local supermarkets from imported products. Some of the supermarkets supplied are listed below with the current supply rates.

Mushrooms contain more protein than fruits & vegetables and, can also be low in cholesterol.

Apart from their protein content, mushrooms can also be high in certain vitamins like B, C, vitamin D, riboflavin, thiamine nicotinic acid.

They are an excellent source of iron, potassium, and potassium along with folic acid, a component known for improving the blood and avoidance deficiencies.

Mushrooms are very healthy. They are a good source of many nutrients. For example, recent research has found that when UV light is shined on mushrooms, there is a major boost in the vitamin D2 content of the mushrooms. A single serving of those mushrooms will contain over 800% of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin D2. They only have to be exposed once for five minutes after being harvested. That makes mushrooms great food for people who don't eat fish or drink milk.

Mushrooms also contain a lot of complex carbohydrates, such as glucans and glycogen, monosaccharides, disaccharides, sugar alcohols, and chitin. These polysaccharides are structural components of the cell walls and are considered to be dietary fibre.

Many varieties of mushroom have been used in Asian cuisine for many years but have largely been unavailable in Australia and were mainly imported as dried products. That situation is changing and more mushrooms in general and more specialty mushrooms are now being grown in Australia.

There remains supply shortages in Perth that can be filled by additional local production.

Example Supermarkets Supplied	Current Supply	
NP supermarket (Perth, Cannington, Girrawheen, Morley):	Oyster Mushrooms (20Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (20Kg/day local supply through Canning Vale:	
Golden choice (Subiaco, Perth):	Oyster Mushrooms (20Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (20Kg/day) local supply through Canning Vale	
Long Hui Supermarket(370 William St, Perth) :	Oyster Mushrooms (5Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (5Kg/day) local supply through Canning Vale:	
Riverton Oriental Foods(Riverton Oriental Foods):	Oyster Mushrooms (5Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (5Kg/day) local supply through Canning Vale:	

Table 4: Local supply of mushrooms

The growth of Shitake Mushrooms commercially on artificial logs or sticks is well known commercially and summaries by PennState University, 2001, Cultivation of Shiitake on Natural and Synthetic Logs. Pennsylvania State University, USA.

Growth Requirements

To grow successfully most mushrooms require a growing substrate of organic materials that can be invaded as the food source.

The growth substrate is then inoculated with mushroom spore and placed in a suitable environment to allow the mushrooms to grow. The mushroom provides mycelium that spread through the growth substrate and then when growth is sufficient a fruiting body or bodies form on the substrate. The fruiting body is the mushroom as we know it. Depending on the growth conditions and variety of mushroom, fruiting bodies (Mushrooms) are produced over a period from one to a number of weeks with additional fruiting bodies produced until a substantial portion of the nutrients in the growth substrate are exhausted.

At that time the mushroom substrate is removed and a newly inoculated substrate provided.

Most mushrooms are grown commercially in rooms, greenhouses, tunnels or other features.

Some mushrooms prefer dark conditions whereas other prefer low light or even brighter light.

The main difficulties with mushroom growing are therefore obtaining the right mix of microhabitat in terms of temperature, humidity, light and the correct substrate for growing.

Typical substrates include sawdust, grain, straw, corn cobs, bagasse, chaff, and other agricultural by products.

For example If you use a straw product for mushroom farming, then you need to chop it into short pieces. Place it in a large stockpot, and then boil it for about 30 minutes. Then remove it from the water and spread it out so that it can start cooling. Other sterilisation methods are used for different substrates and growth medium. Substrates (materials the mushrooms grow in) are blended and packaged into special plastic bags or jars.

After being pasteurized or sterilized, the substrate-filled containers are inoculated with the desired fungi and placed into spawn run rooms where temperature, humidity, light, and some-times atmospheric gases are carefully controlled.

Once inoculated with spores by sprinkling over the substrate and placing inside, the inoculated substrate is placed in a warm humid environment of around 25°C.

Once growing, the humidity, temperature and light can then be manipulated to encourage fruiting.

Harvesting must be completed at the right stage of fruiting and therefore daily picking is normally required.

In order to achieve high yields and rapid production cycles most mushroom species require specialized facilities.

Nowadays most mushrooms are grown on commercially prepared "log" substrates as this is an efficient means of preparing a consistent growth substrate.

If non commercially prepared substrates are used by sourcing organic materials such as manure, sawdust, straw and other crops there can be difficulties of supply of the raw materials, potential issues with nutrients, odour flies and the substrate may not be sufficiently sterile and have adverse microbial material.

For example most substrates are sterilised by boiling or a similar sterilisation process. For a site such as Lot 5531 any preparation of the substrates on site could present potential on site and nearby offsite environmental impacts.

Mushroom Growth

In order to mitigate production issues Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd propose to import inoculated mushroom sticks from China.

They have already conducted growth trials at their wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA,

The raw materials for this project will be imported from China, and the monthly import volume will reach 50,000 sticks.

The planting technology is different from the traditional planting technology in Australia. All mushrooms will be planted in the greenhouse with mushroom sticks imported from China.

The inoculated growth medium sticks will be in a temperature controlled container shipped from China held at 2-10 degrees Celsius, which prevents the growth of the mushrooms.

Once located in the growth greenhouse the microclimate is change to growth parameters of mid 20 degrees Celsius and humidity, combined with light, which triggers the growth of the mushroom mycelium.

Only a small amount of water is required to maintain the temperatures and humidity as well as enable growth.

All of that ensures that the risks from pollution or to the environment is controlled and minimised. The sterilisation of the imported sticks prior to leaving China negates the risk of introducing unwanted microbial material.

Lot 5531 Site Production

This land use also includes two mushroom greenhouses to initially grow Oyster and Shitake mushrooms and to support seasonal demands for fruit, vegetables and flowers.

The largest mushroom greenhouse is 19.3 m by 16 m and will produce mushrooms in an area of up to 310 m^2 . The smaller mushroom greenhouse is just over 200 m².

The produce grown on site will be sorted/processed in the proposed warehouse located behind the existing dwelling. Separate rooms and sorting areas allow for this to be conducted as efficiently as possible and is conveniently located in proximity to the restaurant.

Growth Trials

The prepared substrate sticks are certified for their organic status with the USDA (US) and Ecocert (European Union) and are therefore able to be imported into Australia.

In order to test the viability of the project and the methodology Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd have already imported mushroom substrates (sticks) into Perth and have grown them at their wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA.

Currently Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd is growing the Oyster Mushroom and Shiitake Mushroom in a 350 m2 warehouse in Canning Vale. Copies of the import approvals for the mushroom trials are attached to this report.

There are three shipping container in there, two of them are used for growing the mushroom and the other one is using as the storage.

The size of the containers is 12.192mx2.438m, two of the containers can produce approximately 100Kg/day mushroom.

The temperature is controlled at 15-20 degree with constant LED light and ventilation.

For commercial production at Lot 5531 the anticipated yields are provided below based on the size of the growing greenhouses.

Staff requirements will be 2-4 full time operators.

Note that the trial examples are being grown in the presence of LED lighting and do not need to be in the dark. The mushroom greenhouses therefore can also be more like a dark greenhouse.

Because this technology makes the mushroom growth cycle very short, it will be a long-term and highly efficient production chain. It requires the mushroom greenhouse and the proposed large scale of warehouse to proceed packaging and storage.

Licences and Approvals

A range of Licences and Permits are held by Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd, including permits to continue to import the mushroom sticks through till 13 December 2022.

Evidence of the various organic certifications of the mushroom products is also provided.



Figure 25: Growth of Mushrooms at Canning Vale Warehouse

Costs and Potential Profits

The cost of oyster mushrooms spawn(log) \$1.5each which can produce 0.75kg product. 500kg will need 666 number of spawn(log).

The cost of Shiitake mushrooms spawn(log) \$2 each whichcan produce 500g product. 200kg will need 400 number of spawn(log).

The market prices of mushrooms are;

- Oyster Mushrooms \$13 25/kg
- Umbrella Mushrooms \$13 30/kg
- Shiitake Mushrooms \$13 35/kg

Mushrooms, including Oyster mushroom, Umbrella Mushroom and Shiitake Mushroom would produce 500-1000 kg per day in 500 m² of production shed, with a sale price of \$10-15 per kg.

On that basis the daily output of mushrooms is conservatively estimated to be at least \$6,000 per day. Costs are estimated at no more than \$1,000 per day. If there was only 200 days full production on site, at \$5,000 per day will generate \$1 million annually.

A copy of an invoice for mushroom supplies and jujubes is provided below.

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	Shiitake Mushroom	\$17.00/Kg	2	\$224.40
	Korea Pear 5kg/carton	\$28.00/Carton		\$4256.00
	Sand Pear 10Kg/Carton	\$37.00/Carton	1	\$3367.00
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	Prepack Garlic 500gX20/Carton	\$29.00/Carton		\$1160.00
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Manufacturer's Declaration of Oyster Mushroom Spawn (Log)

Fugus Name: Pleurotus Spp determined by morphological investigation

This product is mushroom log for producing oyster mushroom. The ingredients of the log are as follows:

Conductor (00)

Sawdust: 60% Straw: 25%

Bran: 10%

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Glucose: 5%

The mycelia or spawn culture are pure strain of permitted species and labeled with scientific name (Pleurotus Spp) of the organism as it appears on import permit and are free from any contaminations.

Processing:

The culture was grown on the substrate that has been autoclaved at a pressure of 1 bar gauge pressure (15psi) and achieve minimum substrate temperature of 121C for 30 minutes and has not been subsequently contaminated with animal by-products or faeces. **Inoculation:**

The spawn, prepared on sterile grains, inoculated with pure single culture of pleurotus spp is introduced into the growing medium in a sterile chamber and sealed immediately afterwards to prevent contamination, then removed to the clean room for spawn running and growth without any contamination.

Storage and Transport:

All the spawn is stored and transported at -2C degree.

Signed: Erin Ding Managing Director For and on behalf of Shandong Qihe Bio Technology Co., Ltd Date of Issue: 10.Nov.2021

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Manufacturer's Declaration of Shiitake Mushroom Spawn (Log)

Fugus Name: Lentinus Edodes determined by morphological investigation This product is shiitake mushroom log for producing shiitake mushroom.

The ingredients of the log are as follows:

Sawdust: 78% Bran: 20% Gypsum: 2%

The mycelia or spawn culture are pure strain of permitted species and labeled with scientific name (Lentinus Edodes) of the organism as it appears on import permit and are free from any contaminations.

Processing:

The culture was grown on the substrate that has been autoclaved at a pressure of 1 bar gauge pressure (15psi) and achieve minimum substrate temperature of 121C for 30 minutes and has not been subsequently contaminated with animal by-products or faeces. **Inoculation:**

The spawn, prepared on sterile grains, inoculated with pure single culture of lentinus edodes is introduced into the growing medium in a sterile chamber and sealed immediately afterwards to prevent contamination, then removed to the clean room for spawn running and growth without any contamination.

Storage and Transport:

All the spawn is stored and transported at -2C degree.

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