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Our Ref: 09-09

8 March 2010

Shire of Denmark  
PO Box 183  
DENMARK WA 6333

**ATTENTION: SAM WILLIAMS**

Dear Sam,

**HERITAGE HORSE TRAIL: RESERVE 7664 WENTWORTH ROAD, DENMARK**

Further to your recent site visit and discussion with Mr Steve Birkbeck, please find attached an application to realign the existing fence line along the Heritage Horse Trail.

The "Application for Planning Consent" is attached, however, as the fencing will be located within reserve 7664, the form will need to be signed by the relevant authority. The application fee of \$132.00 has previously been forwarded to you in our initial letter dated 3 March 2010.

The Horse Trail reserve is approximately 82 metres wide and runs through the middle of Lot 303 which is owned by Mrs Birkbeck. A strip, approximately 5 metres wide, of the reserve has been fenced off by the previous land owner to enclose the horse trail. The balance of the reserve consists of pasture and remnant vegetation which has been managed by the adjoining owner.

As the Birkbecks are proposing to intensify the use of the adjoining land with high value rural products such as truffles, lavender and boronia, together with on-site processing, they request Council's approval to improve the aesthetics of the existing fence, which currently consists of five lines of barbed wire. Such fencing for a horse trail is considered a concern in terms of public safety. The Birkbecks propose, at their own cost, to landscape approximately a 10 metre strip of land with indigenous species on either side of the existing trail, remove the existing barbed wire fencing and replace it with ringlock fencing to protect the replanting.

An indicative plan of the proposed fencing and revegetation is attached and entails:

- Relocating the fence on the northern side of the reserve for approximately 725 metres.
- Relocating the fence on the southern side for approximately 300 metres.
- Fencing the remnant vegetation on the southern side of the horse trail, including the vegetation which extends into the adjoining property.
- The area of remnant vegetation on the private land to be included in the horse trail will be equivalent of the area of reserve which will continue to be managed by the Birkbecks.
- The minimum width of the reserve will be 30 metres, widening out to up to 120 metres where remnant vegetation is included.

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The remnant vegetation on private land, which will be incorporated into the horse trail, includes a valuable wetland area which will be fenced off from stock which currently have access to the area.

The owner would be prepared to consider a land swap to formalise the use of land should Council feel this desirable. In the mean time it would be appreciated if Council could initially grant approval to the fence relocation.

In summary, the proposed relocation of fencing will:

- Be carried out at no cost to Council.
- Will improve the aesthetics and public safety of the horse trail.
- Protect remnant vegetation and associated wet land.
- Facilitate on-going management of the area.
- Provide the basis for an equitable land swap should Council wish to formalize the use of the land.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you require further clarification or information.

Yours sincerely



N. G. Ayton  
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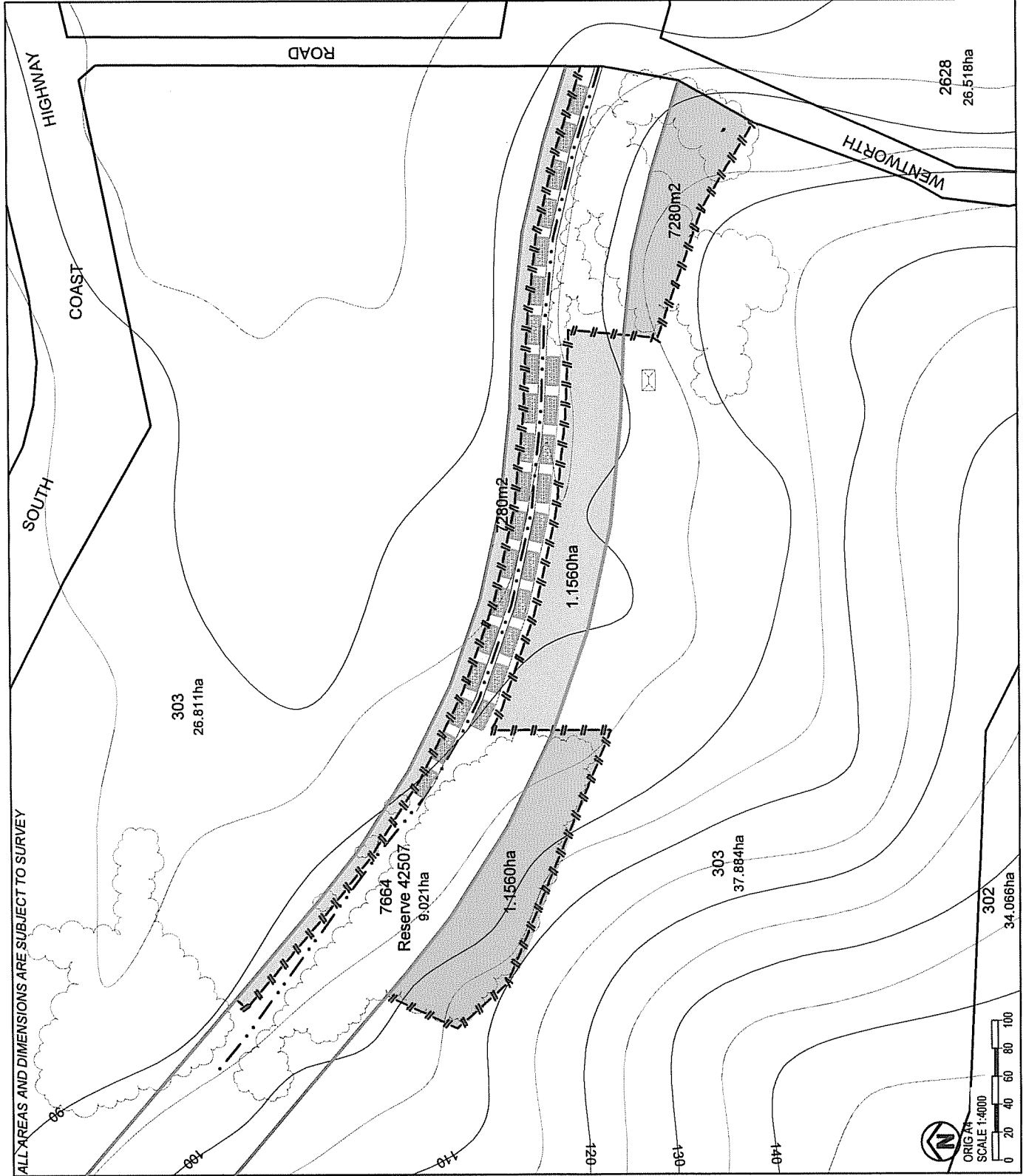
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**HORSE TRAIL  
FENCE RELOCATION**  
Lot 303 & Reserve 42507  
South Coast Highway and  
Wentworth Road,  
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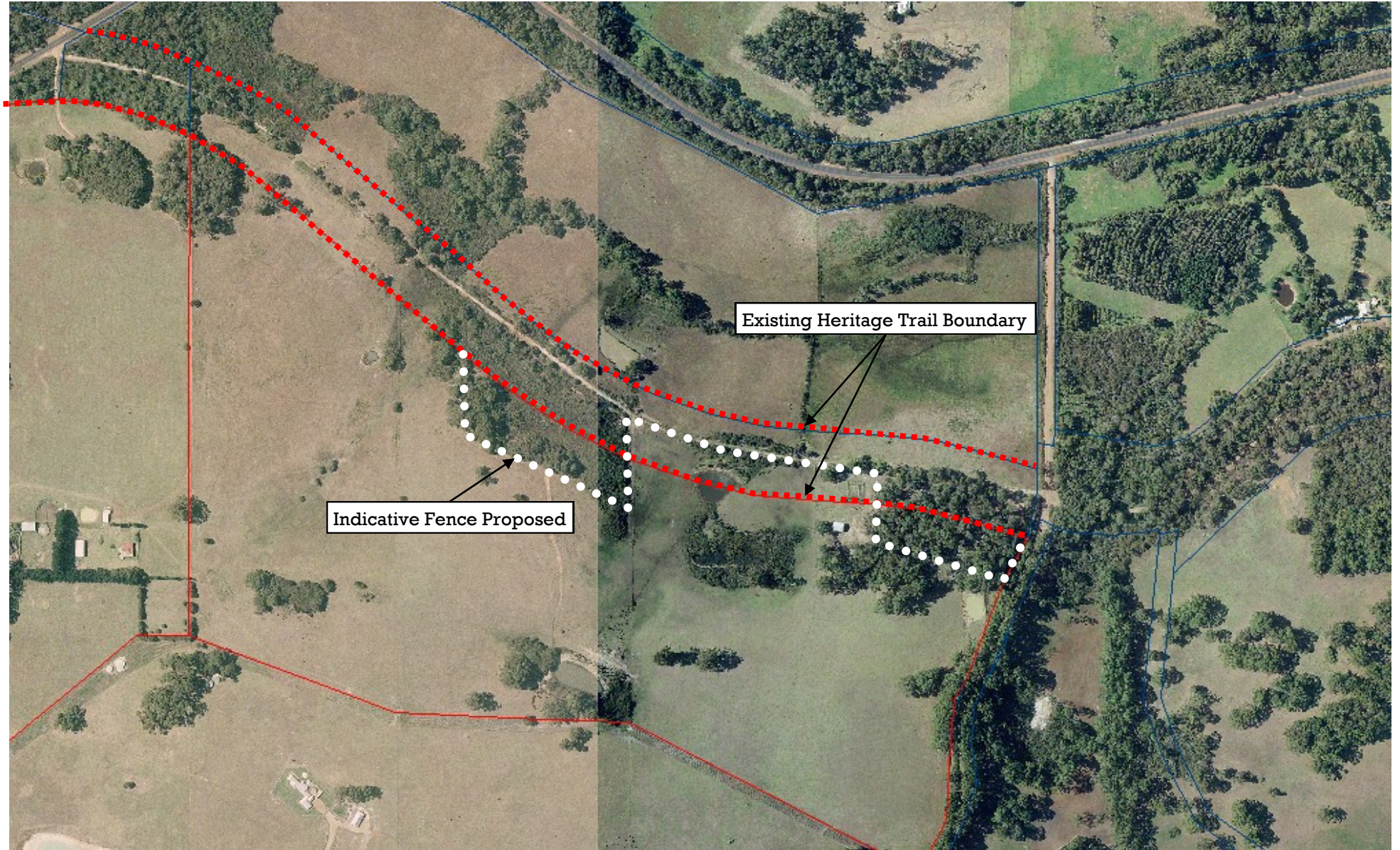
	Existing Reserve Boundary
	Existing Vegetation
	Existing Buildings
	Existing Horse Trail and Fence
	Proposed Fence Relocation
	Revegetation (10m wide)
	Privately owned land to be included in the reserve
	Reserved land to continue to be managed by adjoining land owner



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Attachment 2: Aerial Photo



# Heritage Trail - Cadastral Boundary Alternative Fence Location

