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Dear Sir/Madam

HUMPBACK WHALE STRANDING - PORT KENNEDY

Thank you for your email dated 29 August 2026 regarding the sub-adult humpback whale that stranded at Port Kennedy on 26 August 2026. I acknowledge your concern for the animal's welfare and about the decisions made during this challenging wildlife incident.

Officers from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) responded to the incident with support from Perth Zoo veterinarians, Western Australia Police, and the City of Rockingham. The welfare of the whale, the safety of the public and staff, and the need to minimise further distress to the animal were central considerations throughout the response.

Veterinary advice informed the assessment of the whale's condition and the management options available. Following the whale's natural death, Perth Zoo veterinarians collected biological samples and data from the carcass to assist in understanding the animal's condition and to inform future responses to whale strandings.

DBCA recognises the strong public interest in this incident. Consistent with standard practice following significant wildlife incidents, the response may be considered through internal operational lessons learnt processes to inform future planning and response arrangements.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me and for your interest in the conservation and welfare of marine wildlife.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Smith
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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