

Bushland conservation at the PITC

Telstra aims to ensure the long-term conservation value of bushland is maintained and continues to provide a haven for flora and fauna and for the local community.

As Telstra has offices and telecommunications infrastructure and services in areas of high biodiversity value, we are committed to managing biodiversity and to complying with state and local government planning and environment laws.

Phil van Leen is Senior Facilities Manager at Telstra's Perth International Telecommunications Centre (PITC) in Landsdale, which is located among 287 hectares of bushland. He is part of a group of specialists within Network Service & Facilities in Telstra Service Operations who manage the facility maintenance of our network sites.

'We take a proactive approach because we're keen to ensure that we not only protect, but enhance biodiversity value', said Phil.

"We've been managing the bushland on site since 1966. The site is reserved 'Public Purposes – Special Uses' and as a Bush Forever site, which in Perth means it's a regionally significant bushland. That's why it's important that we are diligent in maintaining its biodiversity value", said Phil.

Some parts of the PITC have been classified as a threatened ecological community. The ecological community is known as Banksia attenuate - woodlands over species-rich dense shrub-lands. Forty native bird species, seven native reptile species and four native mammal species have been identified at the PITC.

"To enhance biodiversity at the PITC we carry out weed control, pest-animal control, die-back control and have fire management plans in place. We also collect seeds and are building a seed bank", Phil added.

