

Sleepless nights, thanks to corellas

A Claremont resident has repeated her offer to pay \$5000 to help get rid of noisy white corellas.

Rikki Gardiner said she had to take sleeping pills because of the birds.

“They are in epidemic proportions,” Ms Gardiner said.

“They swarm at 5am and strip the plane trees.”

Ms Gardiner said Claremont council had not returned her calls about the problem.

Two years ago, she also offered to put money towards a corella cull.

Council CEO Stephen Goode said that in late 2013 councillors voted to put \$5000 into a metro-wide culling program.

“But because other local governments wouldn’t, it never happened,” Mr Goode said.

“We then sought a permit for Claremont only and did obtain it, but the permit was arranged too late for that year: the pests had gone.

“We have been having dis-

cussions at officer level with the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

“Approval will have to come from the council and with such matters I expect there will be sensitivity to community views.”

The department confirmed that most councils had not supported the 2013 move.

“Local control of introduced corellas may be implemented directly by local governments under licence, or through licensed contractors,” a spokeswoman said.

“Introduced white corellas have become common in Perth and pose a nuisance to communities, human health, infrastructure and primary production.

“They also have an impact on native wildlife through competition for already limited habitat, hybridisation and spread of disease.

“Many complaints about these birds are received each year by local and state governments.”