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Attn: Fiona Van Rijnswood and Elizabeth Chandler

Dear Mr Raykos

CPS 818/6 – SUBMISSION – MURDOCH DRIVE/ SOUTH STREET INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Thank you for your letter dated 26 June 2012, inviting the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC's) Native Vegetation Conservation Branch to provide comment on Main Roads Western Australia's (MRWA's) proposal to upgrade the Murdoch Drive/South Street intersection. I understand that the proposal involves the clearing of approximately 0.23 hectares of native vegetation.

Submissions are invited in accordance with condition 8 of clearing permit CPS 818/6 for any clearing that 'may be at variance', 'is at variance' or 'is seriously at variance' with the clearing principles contained within Schedule 5 of the EP Act.

In relation to the clearing of 0.23 hectares of native vegetation, DEC has undertaken a desktop assessment of the proposal against the clearing principles in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

In relation to clearing principle (f), you advise that the proposal 'is at variance', due to the application area partially falling within the mapped boundary of a Conservation Category Wetland. I concur with this determination.

In relation to the remaining clearing principles I am of the opinion that they are 'not likely to be at variance'.

In accordance with conditions 5(a)(ii) and 9(c) and Part V of clearing permit CPS 818/6, Main Roads Western Australia is required to submit for approval an offset proposal as the clearing 'is at variance' to clearing principle (f) in Schedule 5 of the EP Act.

Prior to the approval of the offset proposal however, noting the urgency for service relocation, I grant permission for MRWA to undertake clearing of native vegetation under Clearing Permit CPS818/6 for the Murdoch Drive/South Street intersection upgrade.

Please note that in future, forward planning must be taken into consideration to allow adequate time for DEC to assess both the clearing proposed and any offset proposal that may be required.

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If you have any queries regarding the matters raised above, please contact Abbie Crawford at DEC's Native Vegetation Conservation Branch on 9219 8744.

Yours sincerely

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Kelly Faulkner
MANAGER
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*Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

2 August 2012

Cc: Mr Murray Limb, Main Roads WA