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Attn: Anna Sutherland

Dear Mr Glenister

CPS 818/6 – SUBMISSION – PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MATERIAL SOURCE AT SLK 153.40

Thank you for your letter dated 2 November 2011, inviting the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to provide comment on Main Roads Western Australia's (MRWA) proposed expansion of the current material source at SLK 153.40 on the Geraldton Mount Magnet Road, Pindar. I understand that the proposal involves the clearing of approximately 10 hectares of native vegetation.

You have advised that MRWA's Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment has determined Clearing Principle (b) may be at variance. I agree with MRWA's determination and note that this variance relates to the possible habitat that occurs for the Western Spiny-tailed Skink and Mallee Fowl. No Western Spiny-tailed skinks were recorded within the project area during a targeted survey, however habitat for this species is considered to occur. Habitat for the Western Spiny-tailed skink is varied and is likely to be well represented elsewhere within the local area.

In addition, one *Leipoa ocellata* (Mallee Fowl) mound was recorded during the targeted survey and it is uncertain if the mound is active. Please ensure that the identified Mallee Fowl mound is checked prior to commencement of clearing within the area.

Given the above information, I advise that in this instance, an offset is not required.

As per condition 13 please provide a copy of your revegetation plan to the Chief Executive Officer prior to undertaking clearing.

If you have any queries regarding the matters raised above, please contact Ms Clare Ryan at DEC's Native Vegetation Conservation Branch on (08) 9219 8744.

Yours sincerely

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