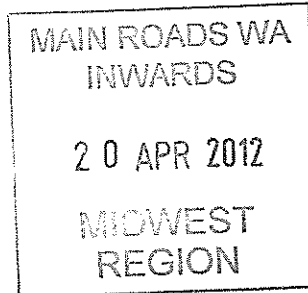




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Attn: Anna Sutherland

Dear Mr Glenister

**CPS 818/6 – SUBMISSION – EXPANSION OF MATERIAL SOURCE ON GERALDTON MOUNT MAGNET ROAD SLK 222.45**

Thank you for your letter dated 7 March 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 expand a current material source at SLK 222.45 Geraldton Mount Magnet Road and further information provided by Ms Anna Sutherland on 22 March 2012. I understand that the proposal involves the clearing of approximately 6 hectares of native vegetation; however this is a very preliminary estimate and may vary.

Through the GPS points supplied which indicate the area that has been surveyed by the Aboriginal Heritage Group, I have ascertained that the proposed expansion of material source at SLK 222.45 is within Lot 126 on Plan 220579, Yalgoo.

I note in your letter that MRWA's preliminary desktop investigations have discovered that the area is within a priority ecological community and a priority three flora species record is located north of the proposed pit area. I understand that GHD will be conducting a biological survey to determine the impact to the priority ecological community and priority flora.

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 the absence of MRWA's preliminary environmental impact assessment which outlines what manner MRWA considers that the clearing may be at variance or seriously at variance with the clearing principles as required under Condition 8 (b) (iv) of Clearing Permit 818/6, I advise that I am unable to provide comments on the proposed clearing or offset requirements.

Condition 8 (b) outlines the information MRWA must provide to parties from whom it invites submissions. These include a description of the land on which clearing is to be done; the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) and an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, management strategy or offset proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing. This information is required for DEC to undertake an accurate assessment of the proposed clearing.

I request that you resubmit this submission when the exact location of the clearing is known. When resubmitting this submission please ensure to provide GPS points of the extraction area as well as the biological survey undertaken by GHD.

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

Yours sincerely

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Kelly Faulkner  
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NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

16 April 2012

Cc: *Mr Murray Limb, Manager, Main Roads WA*