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Roadside Conservation Committee
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Dear Mr Warnock

PROPOSED CLEARING GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY SLK 568

Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) is proposing to expand a current material source at SLK 568 on the Great Northern Highway (refer to attached map). This material source has been selected as a strategic area for providing road building material. The proposed clearing area is approximately 4.5 ha.

A biological survey (attached) has been conducted within the proposed project area and has recorded three priority species:

- *Stenanthemum mediale* (Priority 1);
- *Euryomyrtus recurva* (Priority 3); and
- *Dicrastylis linearifolia* (Priority 3).

The Project Area occurs within the buffer of a Priority Ecological Community associated with a banded ironstone formation ridgeline. This formation will not be impacted by the proposed works.

An assessment of the project was undertaken against the 10 Clearing Principles by GHD. The project was deemed to be “may be at variance” against Principle (a).

Main Roads Western Australia will be developing an offset package for these proposed works which *may* involve the rehabilitation of previously disturbed area (previous material sources) located within the vicinity of this material reserve.

Your comments are sought on the environmental impacts of the proposed clearing, which, as detailed above maybe at variance with one of the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations clearing principles.

Main Roads values input from its stakeholders and we would appreciate comments on these proposals from your organisation. Please provide your submissions by the 14th of March 2012.

If you require any further information please contact Anna Sutherland on 99 56 1207.

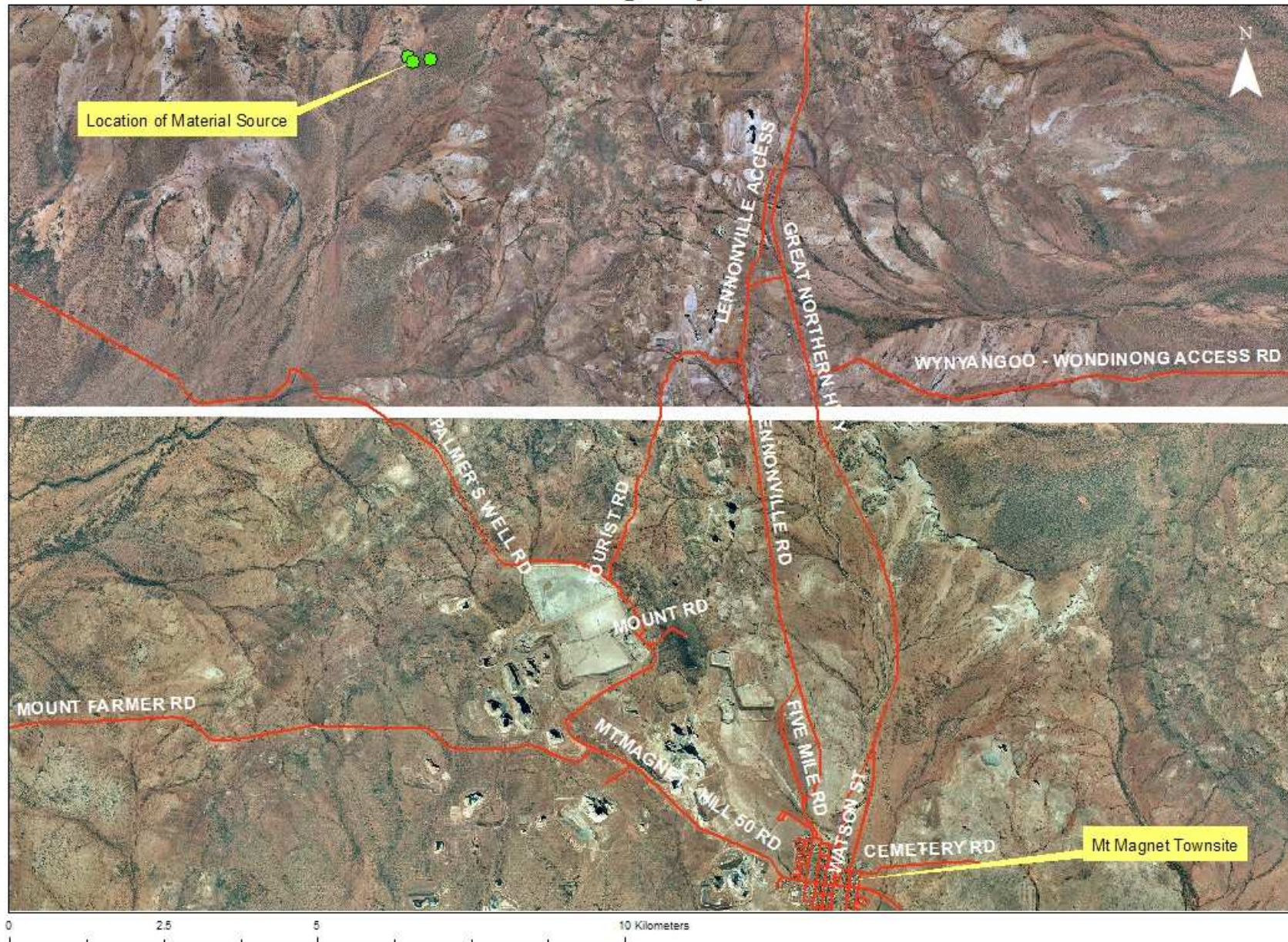
Yours faithfully

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