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Dear Mr Player

CPS 818/6 – SUBMISSION – GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT – PORT HEDLAND

Thank you for your letter dated 28 October 2011, inviting the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to provide comment on Main Roads Western Australia's (MRWA's) proposal to construct a new 8km section of Great Northern Highway, 5km south of Port Hedland. I understand that the proposal involves the clearing of approximately 1.5 hectares of native vegetation of which 0.002 hectares supports mangrove vegetation.

You have advised that MRWA's Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment has determined Clearing Principle (f) to be at variance. I agree with MRWA's determination and note that this variance relates to the 0.002 hectares of mangrove vegetation within the project area.

Given the small scale of the proposed clearing and MRWA's commitment to manage clearing through a construction environmental management plan, I advise that in this instance, an offset is not required.

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

Yours sincerely

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

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