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Dear Mr Zoetelief

CPS 818/6 – SUBMISSION – BUNBURY PORT ACCESS STAGE 2 PROJECT

I refer to your email of 10 November 2011 in regards to the Bunbury Port Access Stage 2 Project. This project requires an offset to be submitted to meet the requirements of conditions 5(a)(ii), 9(c) and Part V of clearing permit CPS 818/6.

As indicated in the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) submission dated 11 August 2011, the proposed clearing of approximately 16.8 hectares of native vegetation, 'is at variance' with clearing principles (b) and (f), and 'may be at variance' to principle (e).

An appropriate offset for this proposed clearing would address impacts to Western Ringtail Possum and Carnaby's black cockatoo habitats, riparian vegetation and underrepresented vegetation complexes.

I note in your email of 11 November 2011 that the Bunbury Port Access Stage 2 Project is an important State Government initiative and roadworks are planned to commence in January 2012. I also note that prior to roadworks, the clearing of native vegetation is required to re-locate services out of the roadworks footprint.

Given the urgent nature of the clearing proposed, I grant permission to undertake clearing of 16.8 hectares of native vegetation under Clearing Permit 818/6 for the Bunbury Port Access Stage 2 Project prior to the approval of your offset proposal. I note that there has been considerable progress on finalising the offset proposal to date.

An Environmental Protection Policy wetland is located south of the corner of Moore Road and the Boyanup Picton Road. Please ensure an adequate buffer to this EPP wetland is maintained during works (a buffer of 50m is recommended).

Thank you for your commitment to finalisation of the offset proposal and request further advice on the progress of discussion by the 14 November 2012.

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

Yours sincerely

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

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