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Dear Mr Glenister

CPS 818/6 - SUBMISSION - PROPOSED CLEARING ON THE INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE SLK 214.72 TO 220

Thank you for your letter dated 9 August 2012, notifying the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) of the amendment to Main Roads Western Australia's (MRWA) proposal to upgrade Indian Ocean Drive between SLK's 214.72 and 220.00 to widen the seal. I understand that MRWA has finalized the design for development and can now confirm that the project will involve the proposed clearing of 3.1 hectares of native vegetation, an increase of 2.1 hectares from the previous submission.

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 *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

In relation to the 3.1 hectares of native vegetation in 'degraded' to 'good' condition, DEC has undertaken a desktop survey of the proposal against the clearing principles in Schedule 5 of the EP Act. DEC considers that the proposal is not likely to be at variance with any of the clearing principles contained within Schedule 5 of the EP Act. Therefore, MRWA are not required to develop an offset proposal for the proposed clearing.

If you have any queries regarding the matters raised above, please contact Clare Ryan at DEC's Native Vegetation Conservation Branch on (08) 9219 8726.

Yours sincerely

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Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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2 October 2012

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