



Australian Government

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

EPBC Ref: 2012/6524

Mr Alexander Stevenson Gregg  
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Dear Mr Gregg

**Decision on referral**

**Clearing of native vegetation on Lots 13, 14 and 18 Barfield Rd and Lots 48-51 Rowley Rd, Hammond Park, WA (EPBC no 2012/6524)**

Thank you for submitting a referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This is to advise you of my decision about the proposed action, to clear native vegetation on Lots 13, 14 and 18 Barfield Rd and Lots 48-51 Rowley Rd, Hammond Park, WA.

**As a delegate of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, I have decided that the proposed action is a controlled action and, as such, requires assessment and a decision on approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.**

It appears that the proposed action is likely to have a significant impact on the following matters protected by the EPBC Act:

- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)

For example, based on the information available in the referral, the proposed action is likely to have a significant impact because:

- Involves the clearing of 22.92 ha of potential foraging habitat for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*) (Black Cockatoos).

Please note that this decision only relates to the potential for significant impact on the specific matters protected by the Australian Government under Chapter 2 of the EPBC Act.

I have also decided that the project will need to be assessed through preliminary documentation.

Each assessment approach requires different levels of information and involves different steps. All levels of assessment will include a public consultation phase, *in which any third parties can comment on the proposed action.*

Details on the assessment process for the project and the responsibilities of the proponent are set out in the enclosed fact sheet. Further information is available from the department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc>.

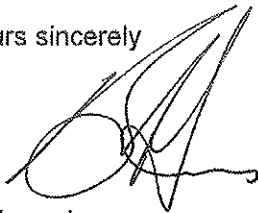
A copy of the document recording these decisions is enclosed.

While I have determined that your project will be assessed by preliminary documentation, some further information will be required to be able to assess the relevant impacts of the action. You should expect to receive a letter from the department within ten business days, outlining the information required.

I have also written to Ms Monique Beusen, Project Manager, Housing Authority and Mr Anthony Sutton, Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, advising them of this decision.

If you have any questions about the referral process or this decision, please contact the project manager, Dionne Cassanell, by email to [dionne.cassanell@environment.gov.au](mailto:dionne.cassanell@environment.gov.au), or telephone (02) 6274 2114 and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Barbara Jones', written over a white background.

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