



Bush Forever Office



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**PERTH SEAWATER DESALINATION INTEGRATION PROJECTS: OFFSETS FOR THOMSONS RESERVOIR POND No. 2 AND SOUTHERN SOURCE INTEGRATION ASSETS (TAMWORTH HILL)**

Thankyou for your letter dated 8 September 2006 regarding the use of Nominated Bush Forever Site No. 9 - West Thomsons Lake as an offset for Thomsons Reservoir Pond No. 2 and the Southern Source Integration Assets.

It is noted that Water Corporation has lodged a request to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to amend Clearing Permit CPS479, to clear an additional 9.5 hectares, and that offsets were previously negotiated for the clearing of 6.3 hectares (the subject of the original Clearing Permit). The additional land requirement is to accommodate Pond No. 2 to the north of the existing reservoir, located on the northern portion of Nominated Bush Forever Site No. 7.

Water Corporation has also requested the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Southern Source Integration Assets (pipelines) and the duplication of the existing Tamworth Hill reservoir and pump station. Water Corporation has indicated that 5.45 hectares of vegetation within Bush Forever Site Nos 356, 360 and 345, will need to be cleared.

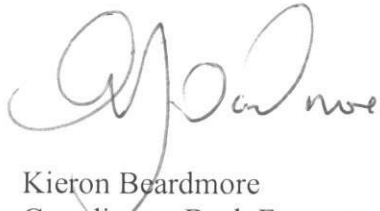
Water Corporation propose to offset the loss of this 14.95 hectares, comprising 9.5 hectares of Nominated Bush Forever Site No. 7 and 5.45 hectares of Bush Forever Site Nos 356, 360 and 345, with 23 hectares of Nominated Bush Forever Site No. 7 (Lots 1 - 6 Henderson Road and Lots 21 - 25 Lorimer Road).

This office supports, in principle, the use of the southern portion of Nominated Bush Forever Site No. 7 as an offset, as this would ensure the site is afforded protection and could be included as part of the adjoining Thomsons Lake Reserve. However DEC and EPA will assess the offset proposal in accordance with EPA Position Statement No. 9 - Environmental Offsets, as part of the SER and the amendment to Clearing Permit CPS479.

As discussed a copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to these agencies for further consideration.

Should you wish to discuss this advice please call Jackie Holm on 9264 7804.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kieron Beardmore', written in black ink.

Kieron Beardmore  
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