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648/00 Mr. Ben Carr

Dear Sir

## RE: TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE TAKEN AT PERTH WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2000

On reading the transcript of evidence it has come to my attention that some of the evidence given by myself may not have been clear or fully correct.

On page 12 of the transcript I make the statement that the area referred to the EPA is "The 1 087 ha plus the 47 ha". It is my corrected view that the actual figure is 1222.6 ha for the 1999/2000 financial year.

To clarify the situation as described in the transcript on page 12 in the 1999/2000 financial year the total number of ha notified to the Commissioner for Soil and Land Conservation under the Soil and Land Conservation Act is 3038.6 ha, of this 2295.35 are notifications dealt with under the Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Remnant vegetation on Private Land in the Agricultural Region of Western Australia. Of these 1222.6 ha have been referred to the EPA under the Environmental Protection Act and of these 47 ha have been approved under the Environmental Protection Act and 1175.6 are pending an outcome.

I trust this serves to clarify the situation.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Ben Carr

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6 November 2000.

