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Dear Mr Ellis

PETITION NO 81 – PRESERVATION OF WARRUP FOREST BLOCK

Further to my letter of 6 May 2011 I can now confirm the resolution of the Conservation Commission in regard to the information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) regarding the change in status of three species of fauna as it relates to the requirements of the *Forest Management Plan 2004-2013*. These species are the brush-tailed phascogale (*Phascogale tapoatafa tapoatafa*), the woylie (*Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi*) and the red-tailed black cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*).

The matter was considered at the Conservation Commission's meeting of 16 May 2011 where further information was sought from DEC. This information was presented at the meeting of 8 August 2011 when the Commission reached the following resolution:

Resolution 125/11: *The Conservation Commission accepted that DEC's letter of 27 January 2011, supplementary advice and briefings as satisfying the reporting requirements for these species under KPI 2 as listed in the Forest Management Plan 2004-2013.*

Broadly summarised, the conclusion reached on the advice there was no basis for believing that the change in status of these species was due in any way to forest management activities. The Conservation Commission will not be evaluating the revision of management practices, in the context of its assessment and auditing function as is set out in the *Forest Management Plan 2004-2013*.

Yours sincerely

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CHAIR

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