



**Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council**

Your Ref: Petition No 112
Our Ref: 62-14911

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear ^{Matthew} Chair

Thank you for your letter received in this office on 13 June 2019 requesting further information relating to Petition 112.

It should be noted that the proposal identified in the petition is not on land managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). I am advised by DBCA that it does not have any specific comments in respect to this proposal and that managing any potential environmental impacts of the proposal are a matter between the Shire of Manjimup and the proponent. The following information on *Phytophthora dieback* management and the control of wildings from the proposed plantation is provided in relation to DBCA management responsibilities of these matters in the conservation estate and on State forest.

Phytophthora dieback and environmental weeds present a threat to healthy resilient forest ecosystems, and the movement of people throughout the forest is one of the primary vectors in the spread of dieback. The *Forest Management Plan 2014-2023* outlines management activities to mitigate the impact of weeds and dieback for disturbance activities on land managed by DBCA, supported by a suite of guidance documents.

In relation to authorised apiary sites on land managed by DBCA, relevant conditions to mitigate effects on the natural environment are included in licence conditions. For example, all equipment used by apiarists licensed to operate on land managed by DBCA is required under licence condition to be clean and soil free on entry to the land. This control measure is in place to reduce the potential for dieback spread.

Yours sincerely

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