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Dear Belinda,

Tropicana Gold Project – Conservation Significance Review

I refer to your letter of the 25 September 2009 regarding the Tropicana Gold Project Public Environmental Review (PER) Document and the subsequent email request of December 2009 to review the conservation status of the following Priority Flora as a result of the flora survey work done for the project:

Priority 2

- *Baeckea* sp. Great Victoria Desert (A.S. Weston 14813)
- *Dicrastylis nicholasii*
- *Grevillea secunda*
- *Olearia arida*

Priority 3

- *Dicrastylis cundeeleensis*
- *Microcorys macredieana*
- *Micromyrtus stenocalyx*

Priority 4

- *Lepidobolus deserti*

The Department of Environment and Conservation's Species and Communities Branch appreciates the work that has been undertaken, especially the Regional survey work targeting Threatened and Priority Flora outside of Tropicana's project area. This work has increased our knowledge of the species and hence resulted in the downgrading of *Grevillea secunda*, *Olearia arida* and *Dicrastylis cundeeleensis* to Priority 4 status. Species under this category are considered to have been adequately surveyed and whilst being rare in Western Australia are not currently threatened by any identifiable factors, and therefore are on the list for monitoring purposes only. The other 5 species have been

removed from the Priority Flora list as they are more common and widespread than previously thought.

There are approximately 2,600 taxa listed as Priority Flora in the State, the majority of which are poorly known and in urgent need of further survey to determine their true conservation status. This review has benefited in identifying those taxa which no longer should be listed and hence help focus our efforts on those which are of conservation concern.

Yours sincerely,



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