

Appendix F.

**Letter to DEC – Fortescue Management Commitments for Solomon
Airport**



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Dear Nic,

RE: SOLOMON AIRPORT

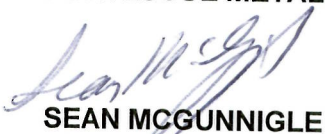
Further to our meeting on 14 February 2011 and the discussions relating to Fortescue's proposal to construct and operate the Solomon Airport within the Hamersley Station Proposed Management Agreement Area, please find the following Fortescue commitments and agreements for the future management of the airport.

Fortescue will incorporate a range of management mechanisms and strategies within an Operations Management Plan that will be prepared for the Solomon Project. These will include:

- the development of a fire management strategy that describes a working agreement between Fortescue and the Department of Environment and Conservation relating to the fire management responsibilities, including an arrangement that permits DEC access to the airport to undertake regional fire management activities;
- a vegetation management strategy, that includes feral animal and introduced weed management measures, to minimise and control the spread of weed species that may be introduced to the site during construction and/or operations of the airport; and
- a strategy to ensure that the impacts on the adjacent Karijini National Park and the Themeda Grasslands Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) associated with the airport construction and operations are appropriately managed. Fortescue also commits to using non-barbed wire perimeter fencing for the airport.

Should you have any queries regarding the enclosed information please do not hesitate to contact Shaun Grein on 6218 8418 or at sgrein@fmgl.com.au.

Yours sincerely
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