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Dear Mr Kirkwood

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 39A(3)
*Environmental Protection Act 1986***

PROPOSAL: Agriculture Intensive (Turf Production)
LOCATION: Lot 5 Clark Road, Neergabby
LOCALITY: Shire of Gingin
PROponent: Saratoga Holdings Pty Ltd
DECISION: Not Assessed – Public Advice Given

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) understands that you wish to undertake the above proposal which has been referred to the Authority for consideration of its potential environmental impact.

This proposal raises a number of environmental issues. However, the EPA has decided not to subject this proposal to the environmental impact assessment process and the subsequent setting of formal conditions by the Minister for Environment under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). Nevertheless, the EPA provides the attached advice to you as the proponent, and other relevant authorities on the environmental aspects of the proposal.

The EPA's decision to not assess the proposal is open to appeal. There is a 14-day period, closing 3 November 2014. Information on the appeals process is available through the Office of the Appeals Convenor's website, www.appealsconvenor.wa.gov.au, or by telephoning 6467 5190.

Yours sincerely



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**PUBLIC ADVICE UNDER SECTION 39A(7)
*Environmental Protection Act 1986***

**Agriculture Intensive (Turf Production) Lot 5 Clark Road, Neergabby,
Shire of Gingin**

1. Environmental Factor

Inland waters environmental quality

2. Advice and Recommendations

In the north-west corner of Lot 5 Clark Road, there is an Environmental Protection Policy (EPPA) lake pursuant to the *Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Lakes) Policy 1992*. An inspection of the information submitted with the referral indicates that the turf production area will abut but not directly impact the lake.

Nevertheless, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) advises that management of on-site drainage and pesticide/fertiliser use will be required to avoid run off from the production area impacting the lake. Groundwater abstraction will also need to be managed so as not to impact the wetland.

The EPA also advises that development of supporting infrastructure such as access roads and irrigation should not be located on or impact the EPP lake.