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Dear Mr Mills,

**APPLICATION TO CLEAR NATIVE VEGETATION UNDER THE *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986* – INVITATION TO COMMENT**

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) has received an application under section 51E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the EP Act) from Fulton Hogan Construction Pty Ltd that proposes to clear 7.01 hectares of native vegetation within multiple land parcels, West Island Cocos (Keeling) Islands, for the purpose of supporting delivery of the Cocos Keeling Islands Airfield Upgrade Project, including construction of seawalls, staging areas, access road and accommodation camp.

In accordance with section 51E(4A) of the EP Act, the department considers that you may have a direct interest in the subject matter of the application, and invites your comment. In particular, the department would welcome your comments in relation to:

- whether the proposed clearing is consistent with your:
  - local Town Planning Scheme
  - local and regional planning strategies and/or policies
  - local biodiversity guidelines and/or plans and/or environmental impact assessment decisions; and
- whether any planning approvals have been granted and/or are required. If planning approvals are required, please advise whether an application has been received.

The CEO will, after having taken into account any comments received and subject to sections 51O and 51P of the EP Act, either grant a clearing permit (including any specified conditions) or refuse to grant a clearing permit, in accordance with section 51E(5) of the EP Act.

An excerpt of the application form, a regional map showing the location of the properties, and maps of the application area, and supporting documentation provided by the applicant are available online at <https://ftp.dwer.wa.gov.au/permit/>, under reference 10428.

Please forward your submission via email to [info@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@dwer.wa.gov.au) within 28 calendar days from the date of this letter.

Please quote application reference number CPS 10428/1 on all future correspondence with the department on these matters.

If you have any queries regarding the above information, please contact the Environmental Officer listed above.

Yours sincerely

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NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

*Officer delegated under section 20  
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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