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Dear Dr Gorey *Phil*

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2013 regarding the release of a consultation paper, outlining the proposed amendments to mining legislation in Western Australia, available for comment.

As you are aware, given the legislated responsibilities of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW), this department has a high level of interest in the planned future phases of approvals reform, particularly changes to mining approvals processes that may affect activities and proposals on lands and waters managed by the department. With respect to the sharing of environmental data (Consultation Paper, Proposed Amendments to the Mining Legislation, Section 3.5 Improving Transparency), it is requested that DPaW is consulted directly in relation to protocols for the release of information on the locations of threatened flora and fauna populations and occurrences of threatened ecological communities.

Should you wish to discuss this advice or future elements of mining approvals reform, please contact Mr Nicholas Woolfrey, Manager Environmental Management Branch, in the first instance on 9334 0130 or nicholas.woolfrey@dpaw.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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