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Dear Kara,

CHANGE TO CONSERVATION AREA 34, GROWLING GRASS FROG (NORTH) – QUARRY HILLS PRECINCT

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) has considered the proposal from City of Whittlesea to alter conservation area 34 within the Quarry Hills precinct. The proposal is to remove 0.19 hectares and add 0.19 hectares.

I advise that the proposed amendment is to the satisfaction of DEPI.

The proposed amendment was assessed as meeting the following requirements of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridor (June 2013):

- Any variation (to the Growling Grass Frog Corridor at conservation area 34):
 - Must not reduce the total area of the Growling Grass Frog corridor within the relevant precinct;
 - Must not impact negatively on Growling Grass frog populations;
 - Must be demonstrated to have no negative effect on the functioning or management objectives of the corridor for the Growling Grass Frog;
 - Must be to the satisfaction of DEPI;
 - Must be documented in the conservation management plan.

I also advise that, in DEPI's view, the proposed amendment is in accordance with condition 3 of the 'Approval decision for the taking of actions in accordance with an endorsed with an endorsed program under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Protection Act 1999 (EPBC Act)* (September 2013).

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DEPI's online interactive mapping systems will be updated to reflect this change. In addition, an updated copy of the spatial data will be available from the Victorian Government spatial data mart available at:

<http://services.land.vic.gov.au/SpatialDatamart/index.jsp>

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Regards,



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CC Ross Guastalegname, City of Whittlesea